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Expert Group Meeting on the Harmonization of National Legislations with the Convention on  
the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Asia and the Pacific

8-10 June 2009  
UN Conference Centre, Bangkok

**TENTATIVE PROGRAMME**

<b><i>Day 1, Monday, 8 June 2009</i></b>	
0845-0900 hours	Registration
0900-0930 hours	Opening statement: <i>Ms. Thelma Kay, Director, Social Development Division, UNESCAP</i> <i>Mr. Homayoun Alizadeh, Regional Representative for South East Asia, OHCHR</i>
0930-1000 hours	Presentation of the agenda and introduction of participants <i>Ms. Aiko Akiyama, Social Affairs Officer, Social Development Division, ESCAP</i>
1000-1020 hours	Coffee/Tea Break
1020- 1200 hours	<b>Session I: Review of the key concepts and legislative measures in the harmonization of the domestic legal framework with the CRPD</b> <i>Chair: Mr. Homayoun Alizadeh, OHCHR</i>  <i>Presentation: Ms Silvia Lavagnoli, OHCHR, on key legal measures required for the ratification and implementation of the CRPD</i> <i>Presentation: Mr. Andrew Byrnes, Consultant, UNESCAP, on disability and discrimination law in the Asian and Pacific region</i> <i>Presentation: Mr. Yoshikazu Ikehara, Japan, on key concepts in the CRPD including discrimination based on disabilities and reasonable accommodations.</i>  <i>Open discussion</i>
1200-1400 hours	Lunch
1400 -1500 hours	<b>Session II: Harmonization of domestic legislative measures with the</b>

	<p><b>CRPD – Cases from the Pacific</b>  <i>Chair: tbc</i></p> <p><i>Presentation: Ms Rosemary Kayess, Australia</i>  <i>Presentation: Ms Andonia Piau-Lynch, Vanuatu</i></p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
1500-1520 hours	Coffee/Tea break
1500-1630 hours	<p><b>Session III: Harmonization of domestic legislative measures with the CRPD – Cases from South-East Asia</b>  <i>Chair: tbc</i></p> <p><i>Presentation: Mr. Richard O'Brien, Lao People's Democratic Republic</i>  <i>Presentation: Mr. Mateo Lee, Philippines</i>  <i>Presentation: Prof. Wiriya Namsiripongpun, Thailand</i></p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
1630 hours	Conclusion first day
<b>Day 2, Tuesday, 9 June 2009</b>	
0900 – 1010 hours	<p><b>Session IV: Harmonization of domestic legislative measures with the CRPD – Cases from South Asia</b>  <i>Chair: tbc</i></p> <p><i>Presentation: Mr. Monsur Ahmed Choudhuri, Bangladesh</i>  <i>Presentation: Mr. Ashish Kumar, India</i></p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
1010-1030 hours	Coffee/Tea break
1030-1200 hours	<p><b>Session V: Harmonization of domestic legislative measures with the CRPD – Cases from East and North Asia</b>  <i>Chair: tbc</i></p> <p><i>Presentation: Ms Jia Yang, China</i>  <i>Presentation: Mr. Ryo Matsuki, Japan</i>  <i>Presentation: Dr. Ick Seop Lee, Republic of Korea</i></p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>
1200-1400 hours	Lunch
1400-1500 hours	<p><b>Session VI: Harmonization of domestic legislative measures with the CRPD – Cases from Central Asia</b>  <i>Chair: tbc</i></p> <p><i>Presentation: Ms Djennet Sihmuradowa, Turkmenistan</i></p> <p><i>Open discussion</i></p>

1500-1510 hours	<b>Session VII: Group work</b> Explanation of Group Work and formation of Groups
1510-1530 hours	Coffee/Tea break
1530- 1630 hours	Group Work
1630	Conclusion second day
<b><i>Day 3, Wednesday, 10 June 2009</i></b>	
0900-1000 hours	Session VIII: Presentation of outcome of Group Work Presentation: Group I  Presentation: Group II  Presentation Group III  <i>Open discussion</i>
1000-1100 hours	Coffee/Tea break (Consolidation of recommendations and drafting of proposed text)
1100-1230 hours	Session VI: Discussion and adoption of recommendations
1230 hours	Closing of the Meeting