**Annex II**

Biographical data form of candidates to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**(Please respect the specified amount of lines when completing this form)**

Family name and first name: …….Hagrass, Héba ……………

Date and place of birth: ………….…15/1/1959………………

Place of residence: …2 Simone Boulivar Square, Garden City, postal code 1461,

 Cairo, Egypt

Nationality: …Egyptian………………………………………………………………

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United Nations working languages: Arabic, English, French…………………………

Current position/function:

(Five lines maximum)

1-Member of the Egyptian parliament- committee for Social Solidarity, family and persons with disabilities

2- Member of the National Council for Disability Affairs

3- Member of the National Council For Women -head of the women with disability committee.

Other main activities on the rights of persons with disabilities:

(Ten lines maximum)

* As a gender and disability consultant, I participated in the development of the National Strategy for Persons with Disabilities in the Kingdom of Bahrain.
* A member of the Arab Organization of Disabled, responsible for women’s affairs.
* A member of the Inclusive Education Foundation to fight for the rights of children.
* I help the post of Secretary General for the National Council for Disability Affairs in 2015.
* I was nominated by the President of Egypt to be a member of the National Council for Women. Within, I created the committee for women with disability which I am heading.
* I have succeeded to convince the parliament to form a separate committee for social solidarity, family and persons with disabilities.
* I have presented a draft for a law on the rights of people with disability and presented it to the parliament. It just came out under law 10 for 2018.

Educational background, in particular on the rights of persons with disabilities

(Five lines maximum)

· Ph.D., in Sociology and Social Policy, Leeds University, England 2010. Disability Studies Department. Dissertation is about improving the employment conditions for

disabled people in Egyptian open labor market.

* MA, in Gender and Women’s Studies, American University in Cairo, Egypt 1998. Master thesis “Gender, Disability and Marriage”, 1998.

Please indicate whether you identify yourself as a person with disability or elaborate on your lived experience related to persons with disabilities.

(Three lines maximum)

I am a woman with a disability since my childhood. I am a widow and have 2 children a young woman and a young man. I have dedicated my live to raising my children and to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities. I not only helped DPOs to develop in Egypt but also carved a path in academic research about disability in Egypt .

Relevant expertise on the rights of persons with disabilities

Please elaborate on your areas of expertise under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and related experience.

(Five lines maximum)

* - During the drafting of the Convention, I was a member of IDC-Women who helped drafting article 8 and sensitizing the different articles to gender.
* - was one of the experts who helped in drafting the different articles in the Egyptian Constitution 2014 which contains11 articles concerning persons with disabilty
* - was the Parliament member who presented a draft law for the rights of people with disability in alignment with the convention. It came out under law 10 for 2018.

List of most recent publications in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities:

(Five lines maximum)

MA thesis in Gender and Disabilities, the American University in Cairo, 1998.

· Hagrass, H. Definitions of Disability and Disability Policy in Egypt. Leeds: The Disability Press, 2002.

· Hagrass, H. “Disability in Transition in Egypt: between Marginalization and Rights”. In Bush, R. and Ayeb, H. (2012)(Eds.)Marginality Exclusion in Egypt and the Middle East*.* UK:Zed Publication. In Arabic and English.

· Hagrass, Heba (2005) "Definitions of Disability and Disability Policy in Egypt" in The Social Model of Disability: Europe and the Majority world in Colin Barnes and Geof Mercer (Ed.). Leeds: The Disability Press, pp. 148-162.

· Hagrass, Heba (2005). "Women with Disability and Employment in Egypt". Al-Raida Vol. XXII, No. 108, Winter 2005.