Ms. Catalina Devandas Aguilar (Costa Rica) is the first United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, following the establishment of her mandate by the Human Rights Council resolution 26/20.

Special Rapporteurs are appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council to examine and report back on particular human rights themes, or situations concerning a specific country in all parts of the world.
How to submit information to the SR concerning alleged disability-related violations?

Kindly submit the following information:

1. Identity and contact details of the source of the information
2. Identity of each alleged victim
3. Informed consent of each alleged victim
4. Identity of the alleged perpetrator(s) of the violations (if known)
5. Description of the circumstances of the event(s) and alleged violations, in chronological order
6. Steps taken by the victim(s), their families or representatives on their behalf

For more information, please consult: www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/Disability/SRDisabilities/Pages/Communications.aspx

Or email the Special Rapporteur: sr.disability@ohchr.org

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The Mandate of the Special Rapporteur:

- Engage with States and other actors for the identification and promotion of good practices related to the realization of the rights of persons with disabilities;
- Receive and exchange information on alleged violations of the rights of persons with disabilities;
- Raise awareness on these rights;
- Make recommendations on how to better promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities;
- Support national efforts for the effective realization of the rights of persons with disabilities;
- Integrate a gender perspective throughout the work of the mandate;
- Report annually to the Human Rights Council and to the General Assembly.