



Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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Concluding observations on the initial report of the Netherlands*

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Freedom from torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (art. 15)

35. The Committee is concerned about:

(a) The effect of the interpretative declaration to art. 15 of the Convention and the exceptions for unique situations in national legislation, which contain the risk of subjecting persons with disabilities to medical or scientific experimentation without their consent;

36. Recalling its Guidelines on deinstitutionalization, including in emergencies¹, in close consultation and with active involvement of persons with disabilities, through their representative organizations, the Committee recommends that the State party:

(a) Withdraw the interpretative declaration to Article 15 of the Convention and amend national legislation to unequivocally prohibit any medical or scientific experimentation on persons with disabilities without their free and informed consent;

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