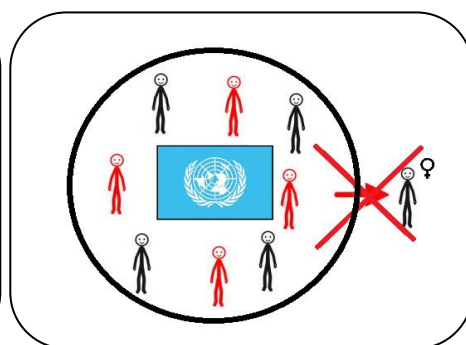
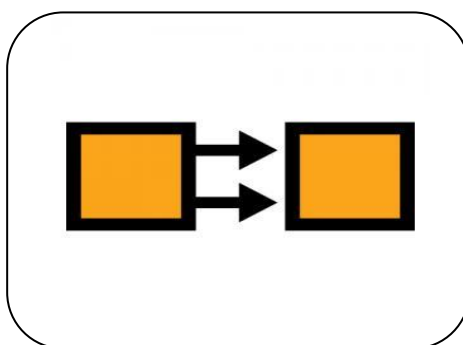
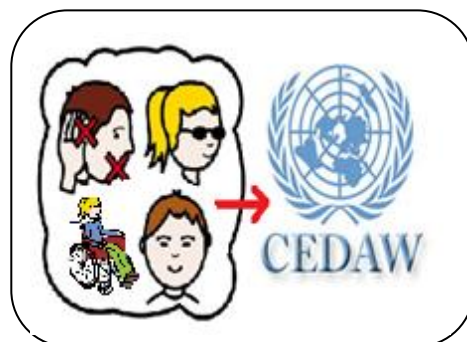
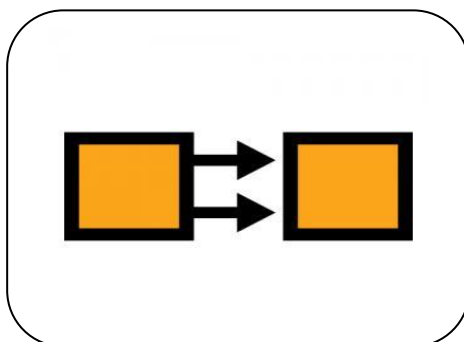




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CANDIDATE FROM SPAIN TO THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN



A voice for disability in CEDAW

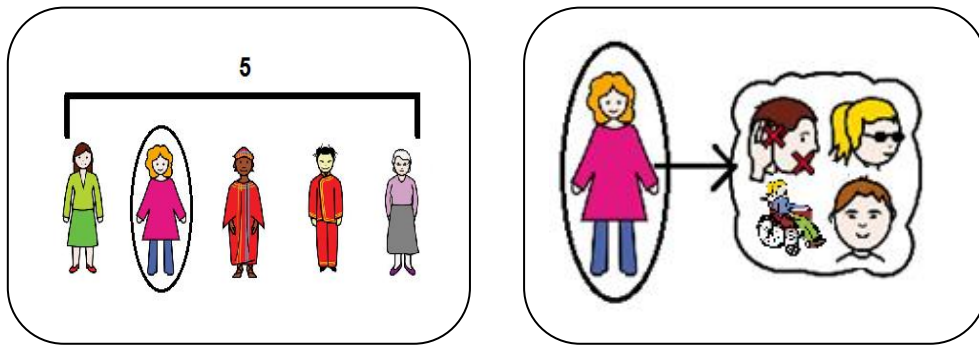


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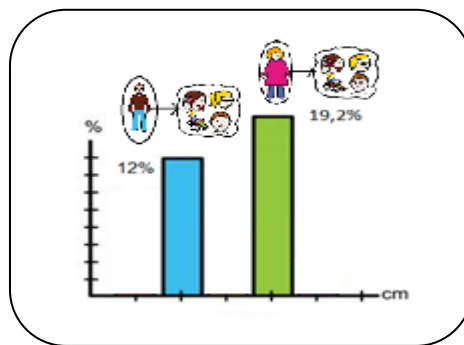


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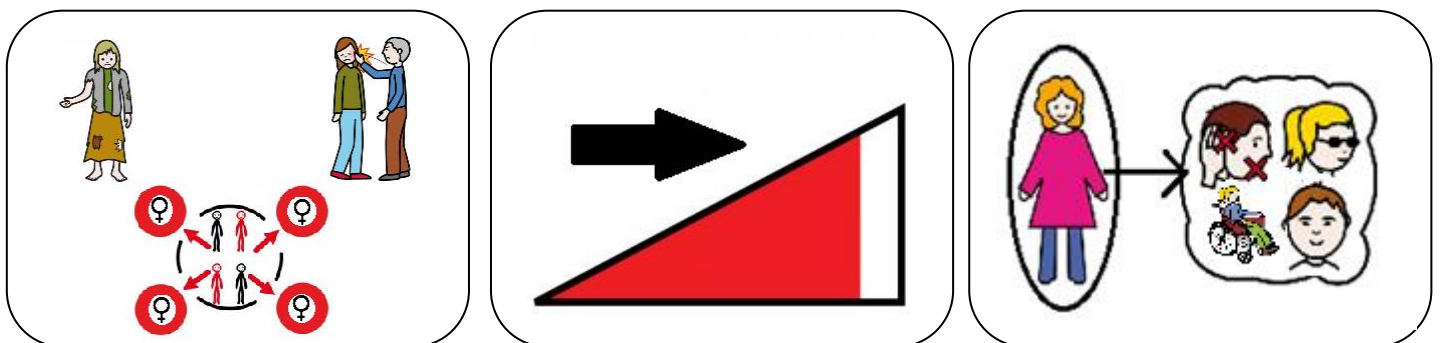




“It is estimated that 1 in 5 women live with a disability;



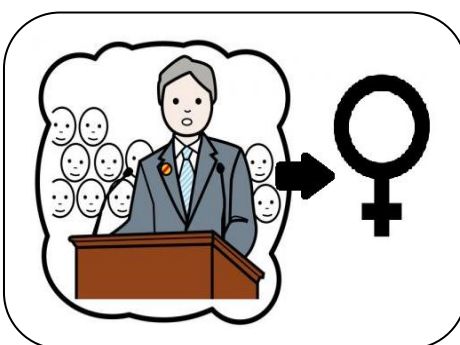
in fact, the prevalence for disability is higher in women than in men (19,2% vs 12%).



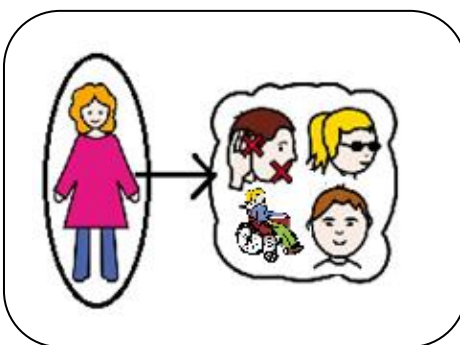
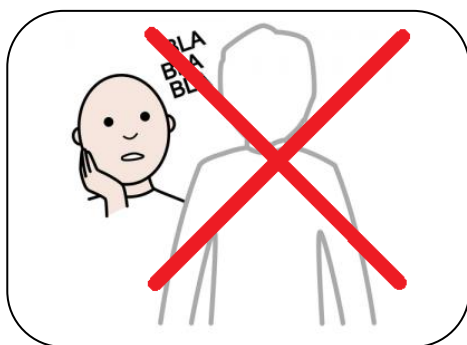
Contributing factors include the lower economic and social status of women and girls, gender-based violence and harmful and discriminatory practices on the basis of gender.”



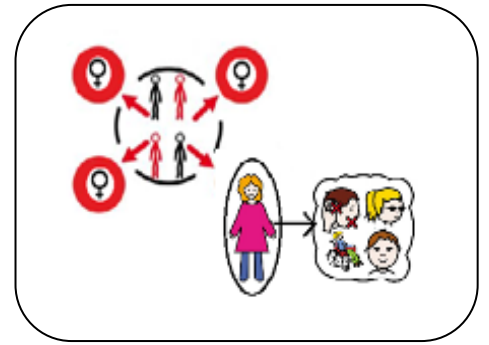
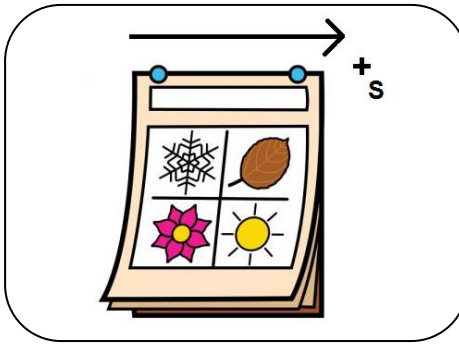
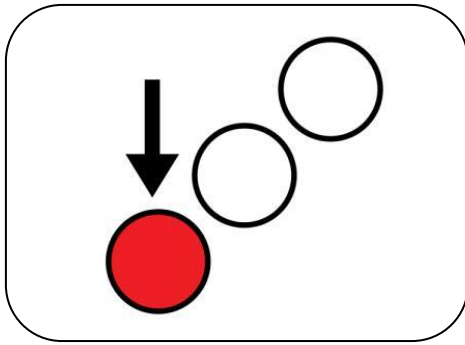
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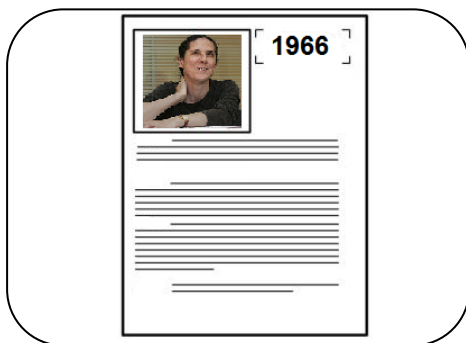
“Laws and policies related to women



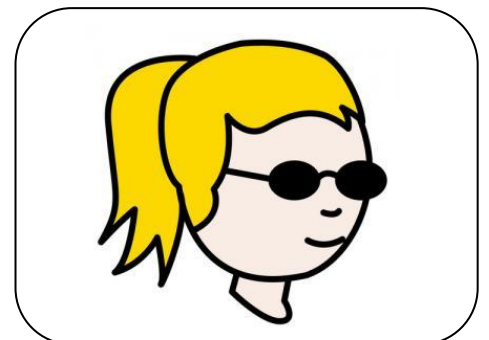
have traditionally ignored disability.



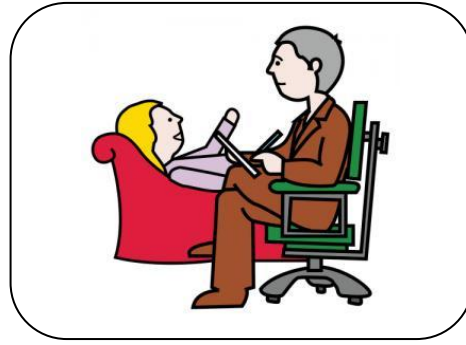
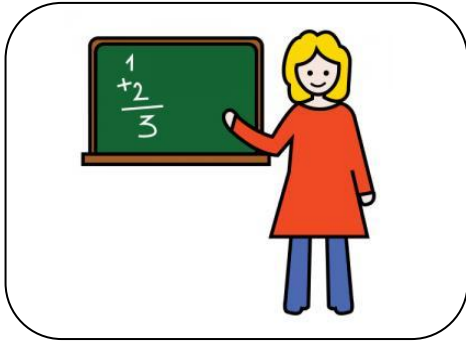
This invisibility has perpetuated a situation in which there are multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination against women and girls with disabilities.”



BIOGRAPHY:



Ana Peláez Narváez was born in Spain in 1966 and she has been blind since birth.



She has a Degree in Educational Science and Psychology from the University of Sevilla, with a Master's Degree in Special Needs of People with Disabilities and several PhD courses from the University of Salamanca.



She is currently the Executive Advisor of International Affairs and Foreign Expansion for the Spanish National Organization of the Blind (ONCE),



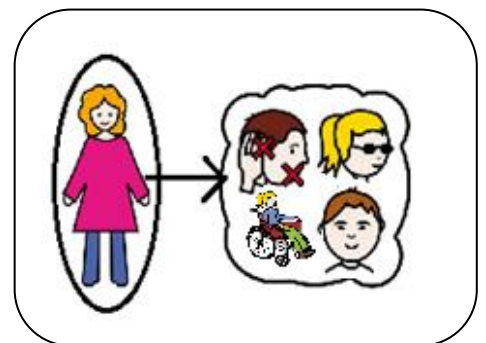
Executive Vice-President of the CERMI Women Foundation, and Vice-President of the European Disability Forum (EDF), which she chairs its Women Committee.



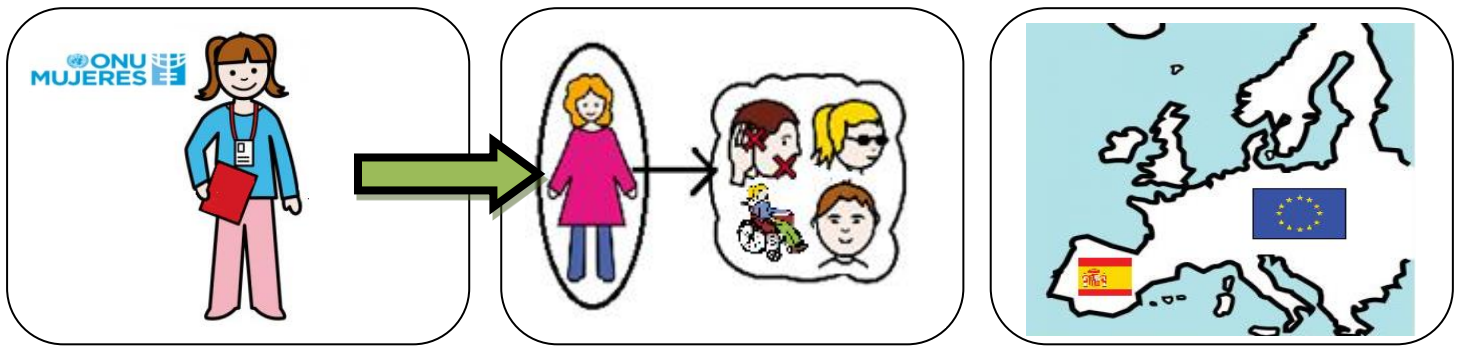
She was a member of the UN CRPD Committee since 2009 to 2016 and member of the Executive Committee of the European Women's Lobby since 2010 to 2014.



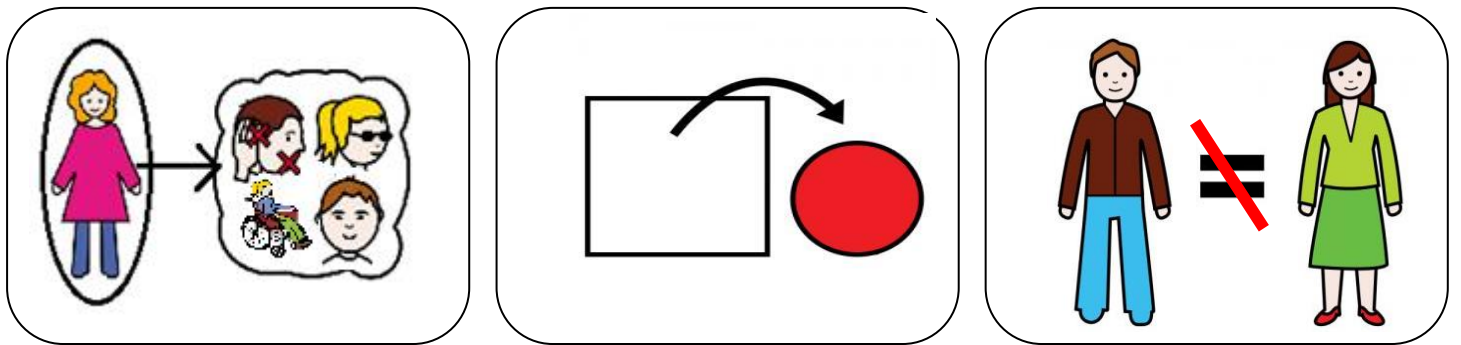
Ana's working languages are French, English and Spanish.



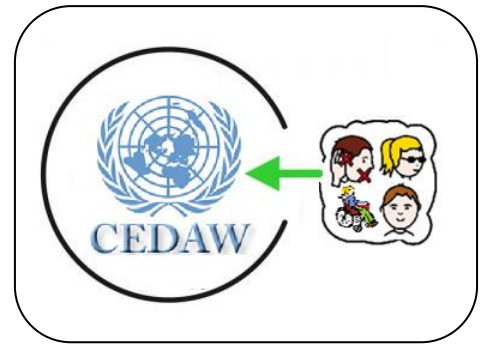
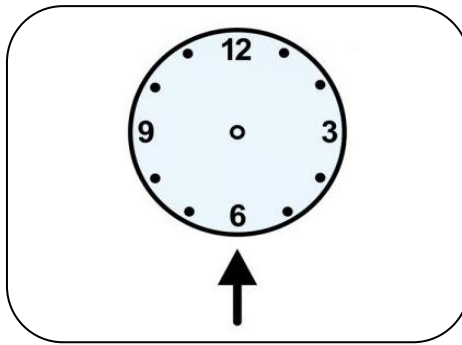
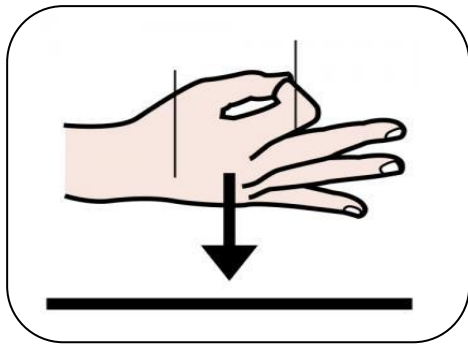
She fights for the rights of women and girls with disabilities in Spain, Europe and all around the world.



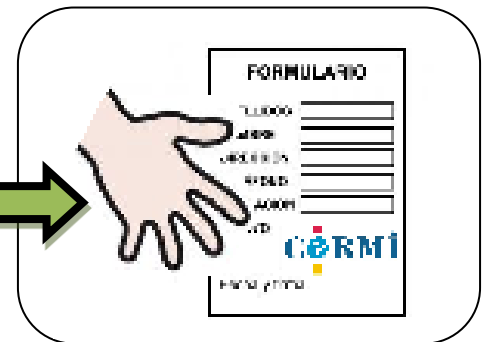
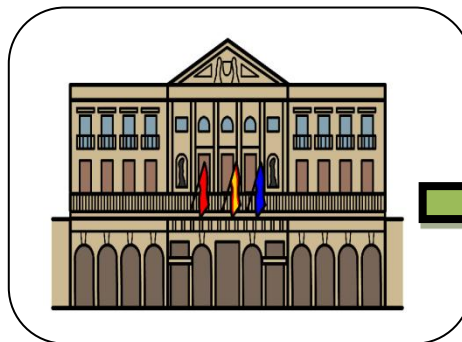
Since 2010, she has participated as the representative of women with disabilities from Spain and from Europe in the UN Commission on the Status of Women.



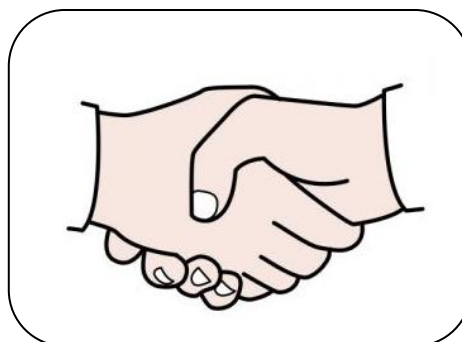
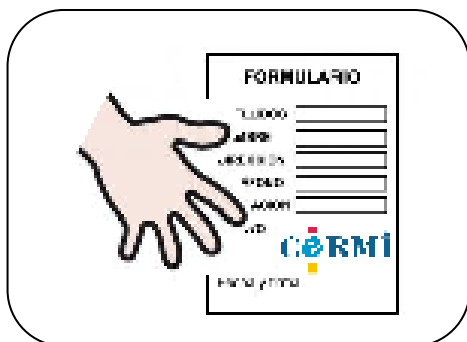
Women and girls with disabilities are still outside of the decision-making process and the work on gender equality, which means that often their needs and voices are leaving unheard.



It is time to incorporate disability in the CEDAW and to stop this invisibility they suffer.



This candidacy is due to the response of the Spanish Government with the request formulated by disability organizations through the Spanish Committee of Representatives of People with Disabilities (CERMI),



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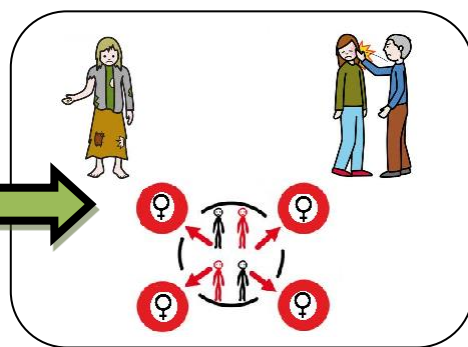
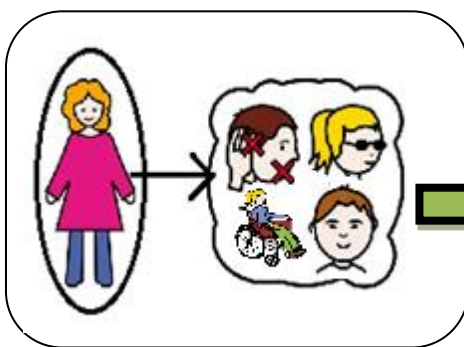
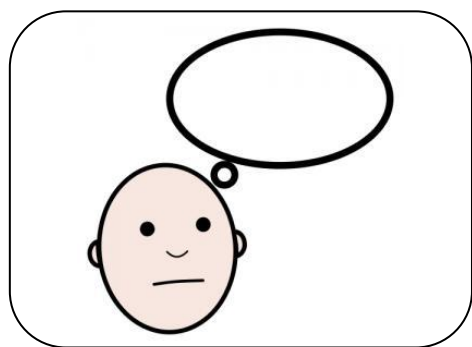
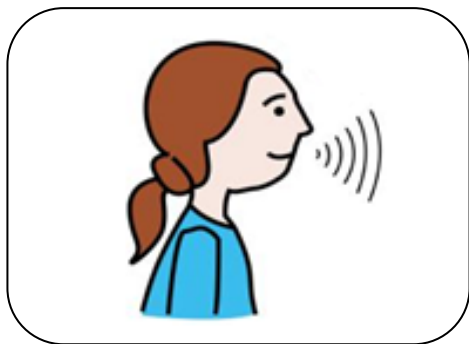
Ana has a firm and proven commitment with the rights of women and girls,



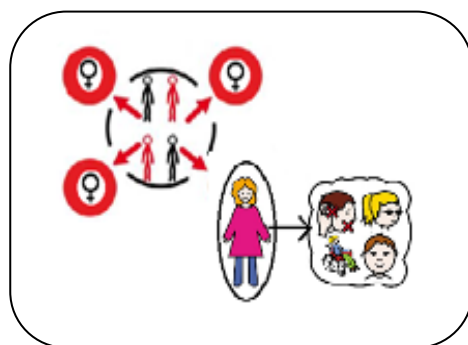
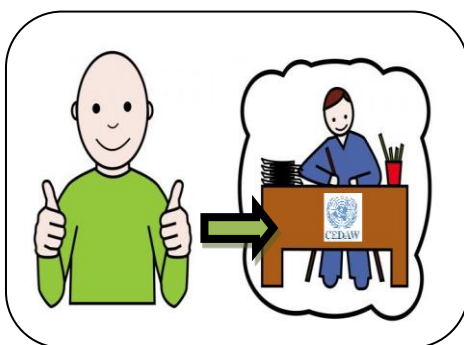
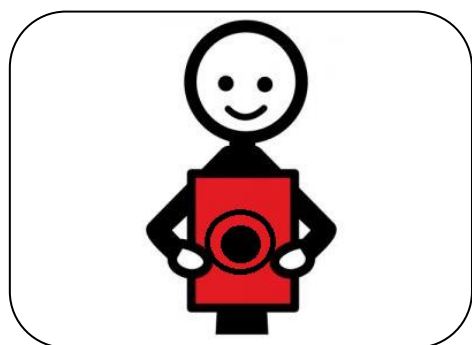
and she has the knowledge and expertise to truly make a difference in the CEDAW.



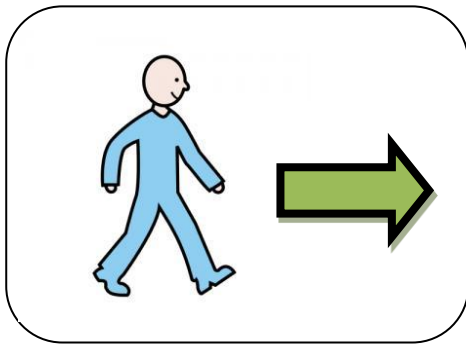
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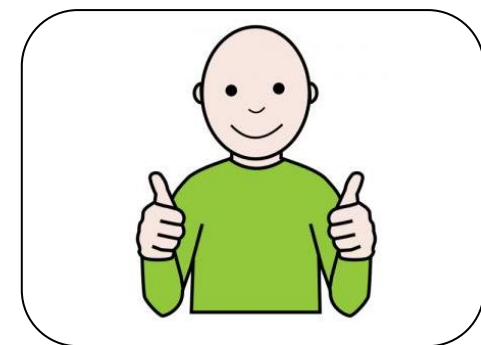
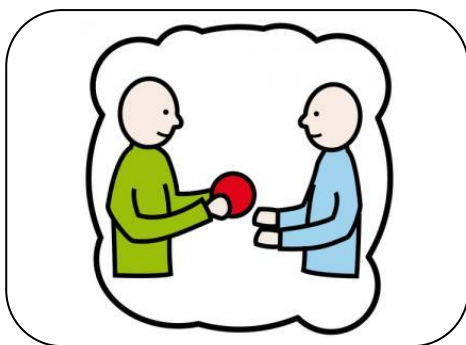
“I think it is necessary to consider women and girls with disabilities in a systematic way in the work of the CEDAW, as they represent the 20% of the women global population, they are within the poorest people in the world and are constantly victims of discrimination.”



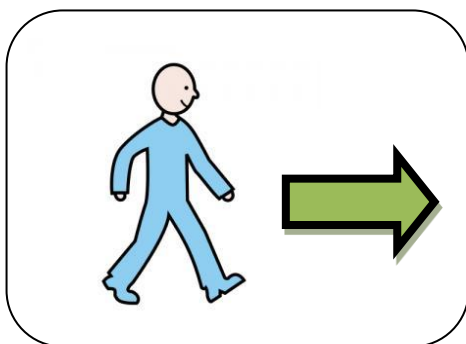
“I also want to focus on strengthening the work of CEDAW Committee, in relation to the multiple discrimination suffered by many women that are invisible for society.”



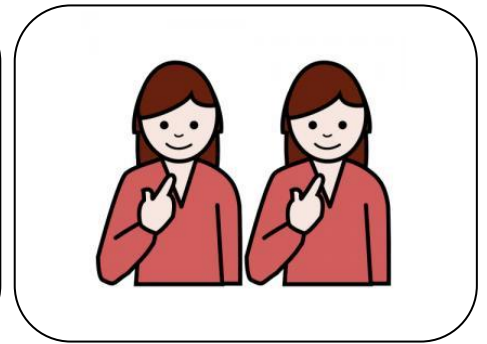
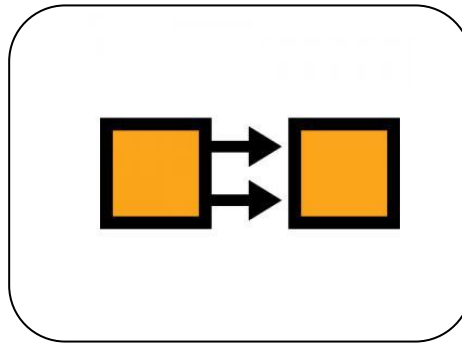
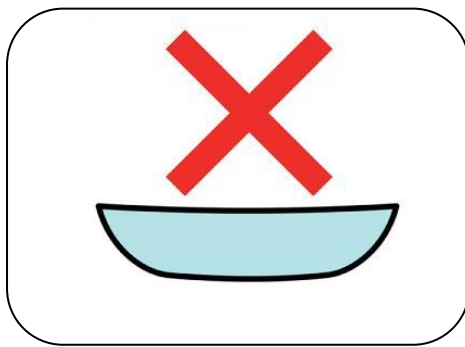
“This requires further advances in the elaboration of guidelines addressed to the States Parties in relation to addressing intersectional discrimination, in order to guarantee that no one is left behind.”



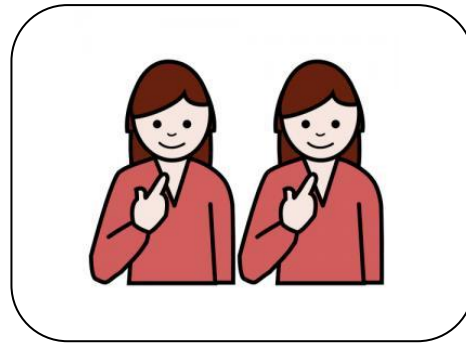
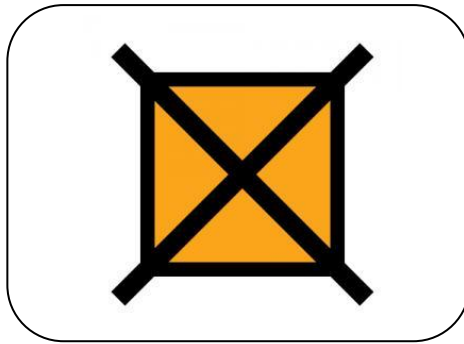
“I wish to contribute to the strengthening process of collaboration among the UN Treaty Bodies, so that they enriched each other and adopt a coherent approach, working on the same line when addressing the same issues.”



“Finally, I believe it is necessary to move forward to reflect the dimension of human diversity in the CEDAW, giving particular attention to those who belong to the vulnerable and forgotten population, such as women with disabilities.”



“NOTHING ABOUT US,



WITHOUT US!”



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