Presentation of the book: “General Discussion on Women and Girls with Disabilities”.
(“Debate General sobre mujeres y niñas con discapacidad”)

The Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations
The International Disability Alliance (IDA)
The Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality (MSSSI)

has the pleasure to invite
the Third Committee expert on disability

on 09 March 2015, 1:30 PM-2:30 PM
at the Permanent Mission of Spain to the United Nations

One Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, 245 East 47th Street
New York, N.Y. 10017

(Invitation is non-transferable)

Objectives of the event:

Following the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by the United Nations General Assembly on December 13th 2006 and its subsequent entry into force on May 3rd 2008 the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was set up in 2009.

Since the very beginning of its work and having considered the first initial reports from States Parties and the limited information on the situation of women and girls with disabilities, the Committee expressed its concern regarding the multiples forms of discrimination faced by women and girls with disabilities, preventing them from exercising effective participation in all areas of life on an equal footing with others.

As a result in April 2012 the Committee decided to devote a half day of general discussion in 2013 to addressing the rights of women and girls with disabilities in order to gain a deeper understanding of the invisible and hidden reality they experience.

This event aims to present the result of this half day of general discussion on women and girls with disabilities that the Committee held in April 2013. The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain has edited and published, including in accessible electronic formats both in
English and Spanish, a book called “General Discussion on Women and Girls with Disabilities” that will be presented at the Residence of the Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations, during his reception offered to the participants in the 59th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 59).

This book contains the different debates that were held during that general discussion in the Committee, to which we express sincere appreciation as well as to the Spanish National Organization of the Blind (ONCE) that has compiled and translated to Spanish and English all the contents of the book.

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**Speakers**

**Ms. Susana Camarero**  
Secretary of State for Social Services and Equality of Spain  
Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality

**H.E. Mr. Román Oyarzun**  
Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to the UN

**Ms. Ana Peláez**  
Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**Mr. Vladimir Cuk**  
Executive Director of the International Disability Alliance

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A light lunch will be served.  
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