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Sri Lanka's review under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) to be held in Geneva

The United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD Committee), during its 35th session, will review Sri Lanka's initial report under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in Geneva on 14th August 2026.

The Review will take the form of an interactive dialogue between the Government of Sri Lanka's Delegation and the CRPD Committee. Members of the Delegation will participate both in person in Geneva and virtually from Colombo.

Sri Lanka's Delegation to the Review will be led by Dr. Upali Pannilage, Minister of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment.

The Delegation participating in person in Geneva will consist of senior officials from the Ministry of Rural Development, Social Security and Community Empowerment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Employment and Tourism and Attorney-General's Department, together with officials of the Permanent Mission of Sri Lanka to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva.

The Delegation participating virtually from Colombo will comprise senior officials and representatives from other relevant Ministries and institutions.

Sri Lanka ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in 2016 and submitted its initial report under the Convention in October 2019. In December 2025, Sri Lanka also responded to a list of issues from the Committee, providing further information. The review will provide an opportunity for the Government of Sri Lanka and the Committee to take stock of Sri Lanka's implementation of the Convention and engage in a constructive dialogue on measures to protect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities.

Sri Lanka will be considered alongside Slovakia, Qatar, Lithuania and Chile during the Committee's 35th session, which is being held from 12 to 27 August 2026 in Geneva.

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