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Recommendations to the 2019 HDIM

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- To OSCE participating states and OSCE: Adopt a Ministerial Council decision on political inclusion of people with disabilities.
- To ODIHR: Hold a session related to disability rights at every future HDIM.
- To OSCE participating states: National governments and regional bodies should collaborate with DPOs and CSOs working on disability rights to implement and enforce the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).
- To OSCE participating states: Utilize ODIHR's Guidelines on Promoting the Political Participation of Persons with Disabilities. The guidelines were launched at ODIHR's HDIM side-event on Septmeber 16th. Based on standards established in international commitments, these Guidelines to Promote the Political Participation of Persons with Disabilities are a practical resource for OSCE participating States to strengthen the ability of democratic institutions namely, political parties and parliaments to engage and empower persons with disabilities in political processes.