

## Acknowledgements

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This is an exciting time for persons with disabilities around the world as the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), and we now await March 30, 2007, when that historic treaty will be opened for signature by U.N. States Parties.

Last year, DPI was proud to offer our members and allies a *Ratification Toolkit* to support the global campaign for Signature and Ratification of the CRPD. And this year we are equally proud to announce a new *Implementation Toolkit* to assist with the subsequent implementation phase.

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