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As the negotiations on the new United Nations Convention approach completion, and we enter the next phase of the process, DPI would like to thank all who have helped our organization engage so effectively in the Convention Development process to date.

Looking ahead we see vast potential for this new instrument. We also recognize, however, that the challenges are many as we move from a draft text to a new International Human Rights Treaty that must be signed and ratified by enough countries to enter into force! We further acknowledge that this must be done as quickly as possible!

With that in mind we are pleased and proud to offer this *Ratification toolkit* to our members and others who may find it useful as the global campaign for Signature and Ratification is about to commence.

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We believe that this *toolkit* will be a significant contribution to the new global campaign for Signature and Ratification, and once again we thank all supporters of our initiative.

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