Annex A to DVD UPR report

Organisations submitting this report:

The Auckland Domestic Violence and Disability (DVD) group is a group of disabled people and people working in the areas of disability and domestic violence committed to ending violence against disabled people.

The working group involves members from a range of disability organisations including: People First Northern Region; CCS Disability Action and Auckland Disability Law; the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand.

Auckland Disability Law Incorporated is a community law centre established to address the unmet legal needs of disabled people in the Auckland region. This submission has been developed as part of our ongoing commitment to provide law reform services to our community and to promote equal access to justice.

CCS Disability Action Northern Region is a branch of CCS Disability Action, a national organisation which provides support to thousands of disabled New Zealanders. Our aim is to provide support through information, advocacy and community development strategies. CCS Disability Action was founded in 1935 and has charitable trust status. Our vision is that every disabled person will be included in the life of their family/whanau and community.

Peace Movement Aotearoa (PMA) - is the national networking peace organisation in Aotearoa New Zealand, an NGO registered as an Incorporated Society in 1982. As the realisation of human rights is integral to the creation and maintenance of peaceful societies, promoting respect for them is a key aspect of our work. We have provided NGO reports to: the Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples' Rights in 2005; the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in 2007 and 2013; jointly with the Aotearoa Indigenous Rights Trust and others, to the Human Rights Council for New Zealand's Universal Periodic Review in 2008 and 2009; the Human Rights Committee in 2009 and 2010; the Committee on the Rights of the Child in 2010 and 2011; and the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in 2011 and 2012.

Organisations supporting this report:

People First New Zealand, Nga Tangata Tuatahi is a Disabled Persons Organisation/ DPO that is lead and directed by people with learning/ intellectual disability.

People First is a membership organisation with over 30 local groups across the country where people with learning disability come together monthly to learn

about human rights, speaking up and to connect with local communities. Nationally People First assists people with learning disability to speak up, be part of advisory groups for Councils and government, learn about the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and most importantly govern the organisation.

People First is due to celebrate 10 years of being an independent organisation on the 16th October 2013.

IHC New Zealand is a national organisation that works for all people with an intellectual disability to provide services, advocacy, support and information. IHC will advocate for the rights, inclusion and welfare of all people with an intellectual disability and support them to live satisfying lives in the community.