Country: Colombia 

Commitee: UNHCR

Agenda Item: Ensuring equal rights for persons with

disabilities in education and social life

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Colombia, officially the Republic of Colombia, is an independent republic located in South America. The country consists of 32 states called departments . Its capital is Bogotá . Its population is approximately 45 million people. The official language of Colombia is Spanish and its currency is the Colombian peso.

In Colombia,disabled people consitute 12% of the population.While the poverty rate for nondisabled people in Colombia is 18%,it is 39% for disabled people.Reading rates are lower for people with disabilites %38 have not evenn completed primaryschool.This situation causes only 20% of disabled people to find a job and they generally work at low paid jobs.Since the civil war has been going on for over years in Colombia, many former soldiers are struggling with poverty and disability, so disabled individuals are in great need of medical assistance.

The Colombian goverment passed a comprehensive law protecting the rights of people with disabilities in 1997, according to this law, businesses cannot discriminate against based on how healthy they are, products and services should meet the needs of people with disabilities as much as possible,although there have been developments regarding disability rights in Colombia, there is still a lot of work to be done.