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NEWS REPORT

Country:	Finland
Title:	Parliament accepts ratification of CRPD
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<u>Context</u>	
Issue at stake:	The Finnish Parliament passed The Act on the Ratification of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol. Unusually, the delivery of ratification documents is postponed until the elected new parliament has passed legislation on the right of patients and clients to self-determination.
Ground of discrimination:	Disability
Source:	Legislation
Field:	Employment, social protection, social advantages, access to goods and services, education, housing, other
Applicable law:	The Act on the Ratification of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol (no reference number given yet).

Content

Law development: The Finnish Parliament passed the Act on The Ratification of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol (CRPD). Finland has for a long time had a principle that it will not ratify conventions before all legislative changes are passed in the Parliament. Three pieces of legislation are seen necessary in order to implement the CRPD Convention into Finnish legislation: the Act on the Right of Patients and Clients to Self-determination, the recently renewed Non-discrimination Act (which came into force 1.1.2015) and the Act on The Ratification of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Optional Protocol itself. As the legislative session of the current Parliament came to an end mid-March 2015, the delivery of ratification documents is postponed until the elected new Parliament has passed legislation on the right of patients and clients to self-determination.

Key points of analysis:

- Parliament ratifies the UN CRPD and Optional Protocol.
- Official ratification is postponed until legislation on self-determination of patients and clients is adopted by next Parliament, still to be elected.

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