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OPINION

of the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality

for the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

on the proposal for a Council decision concerning the conclusion, by the European Community, of the United Nations Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
(COM(2008)0530 – C6-0000/2008 – 2008/0171(CNS))

Rapporteur: Hiltrud Breyer

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AMENDMENTS

The Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality calls on the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following amendments in its report:

- having regard to its resolution of 3 September 2003 on the Commission Communication "Towards a United Nations legally binding instrument to promote and protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities"¹ and its resolution of 26 April 2007 on the situation of women with disabilities in the European Union²,
 - having regard to the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) adopted in 1979 by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly and its Optional Protocol,
1. Welcomes the Optional Protocol of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; regrets that only four EU Member States so far have ratified the Convention and the Optional Protocol;
 2. Recognises that women and girls with disabilities are subject to multiple discrimination; calls on the Member States to access the Optional Protocol to give disabled women and girls whose rights are violated the necessary legal means to fight this violation and to ensure their protection against all forms of discrimination.

¹ OJ C 76 E , 25.3.2004, p. 231.

² OJ C 74 E , 20.3.2008, p. 742.

PROCEDURE

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