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**9:00-9:03 Opening remarks:**

Mr Mateusz Sakowicz, Deputy Permanent Representative of Poland to the UN.

**9.05:10.00 Panel Discussion**

**Moderator:** Ambassador Joan Cedano, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the UN.

**Speakers:**

* Mr Gerard Quinn UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities
* Mr A.H. Monjurul Kabir, UN Coordination Adviser on Gender Equality and Disability Inclusion, UN Women;
* Ms Batool Abuali, Founder of Light Initiative;
* Ms Neema Namadamu, founder of Maman Shujaa;
* Ms Jelena Mišić, Disability rights activist from Bosnia-Herzegovina;
* Ms Kirsten Young, the Chief of the UNSOM Human Rights and Protection Group;
* Ms Elizabeth Murray, Senior Program Officer, United States Institute of Peace;
* Mr William Pons, Senior Legal Advisor and Researcher to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

**10.00-10:20**: Q&A

**10:20--10:30**: **Closing remarks**

* Mr Günter Sautter, Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the UN
* Ms Njambi Kinyungu, Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya to the UN.