

# Countries that have signed up to and ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



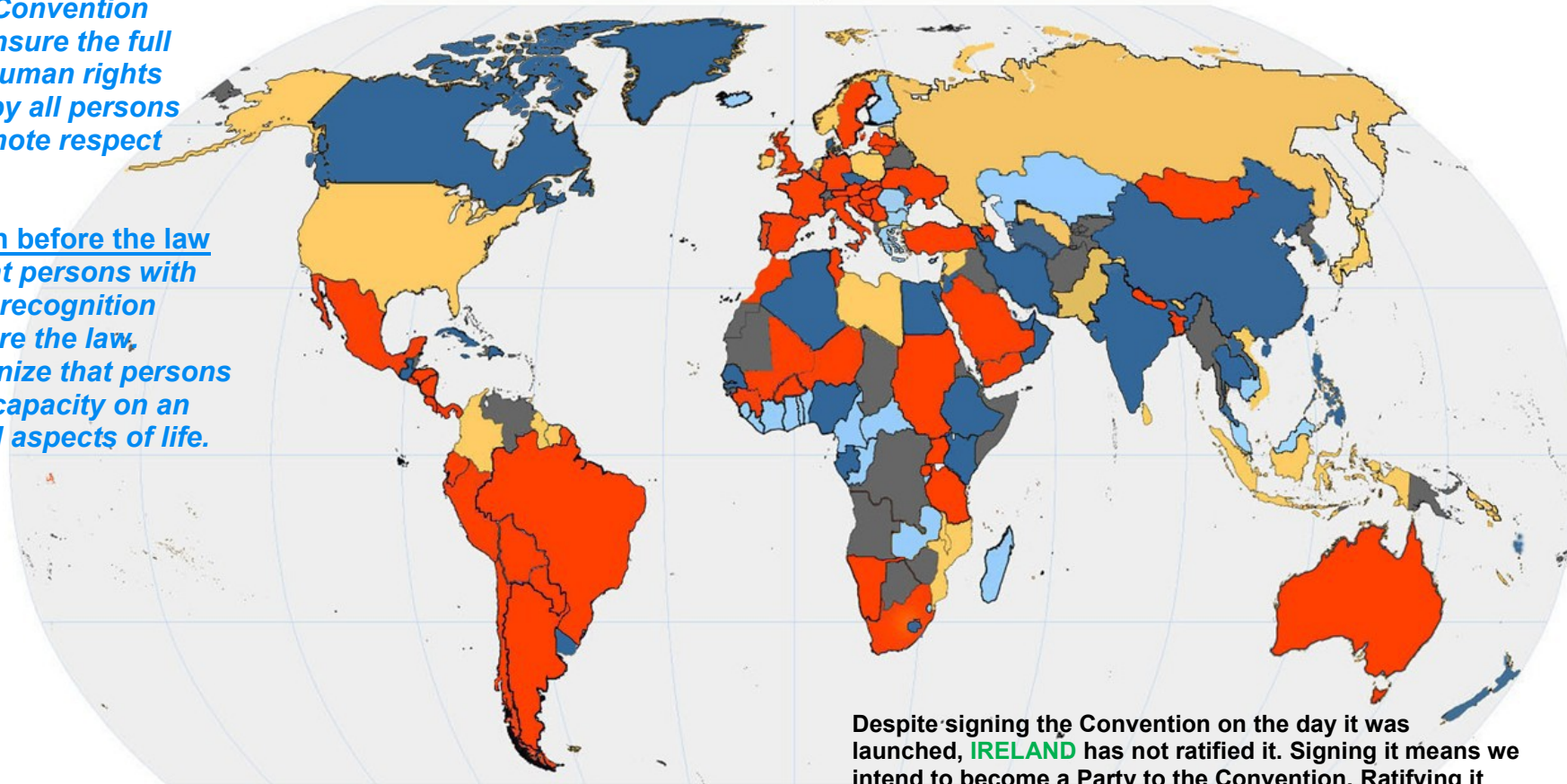
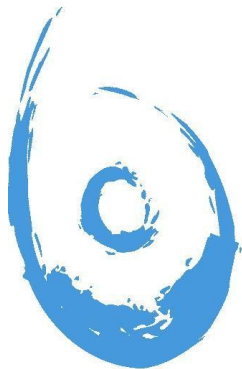
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## Article 1- Purpose

*The purpose of the present Convention is to promote, protect and ensure the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities, and to promote respect for their inherent dignity.*

## Article 12 - Equal recognition before the law

*1. States Parties reaffirm that persons with disabilities have the right to recognition everywhere as persons before the law,  
2. States Parties shall recognize that persons with disabilities enjoy legal capacity on an equal basis with others in all aspects of life.*



Despite signing the Convention on the day it was launched, **IRELAND** has not ratified it. Signing it means we intend to become a Party to the Convention. Ratifying it means we are legally obliged to apply the Convention in our law. At the moment **IRELAND** has no legal obligation to apply the Convention.

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