



PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY

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To Whom It May Concern

This letter is my personal recommendation for Mr. László Gábor Lovászy, whose career development I have overseen for years as a Member of the European Parliament before taking up my current position as the President of the Republic of Hungary.

Dr. László Gábor Lovászy, the first Hungarian hearing impaired lawyer with a Ph. D in disability law, is the candidate of Hungary to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) for the period of 2013-2016.

Hungary attaches great importance to the elimination of all forms of prejudices and discrimination, including the ones against persons living with disabilities.

I am proud that my country received the International Disability Award of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute for the results in the disability-related legislation in 2000 when I was the Speaker of the Hungarian National Assembly. You may also know that Hungary was the first country which ratified not only the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities but also its Optional Protocol.

Regarding Dr Lovászy's personal and professional achievements, I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to his vast international and EU experience as well as his remarkable dynamism, youthful enthusiasm, good diplomatic sense and positive attitudes. Knowing him I am convinced that he is fully capable of meeting all challenges of the work at the UNCRPD, and would be able to significantly contribute to the activities of the Committee.

Therefore, I have the honour to confirm that I fully support the Hungarian UNCRPD candidate Dr. László Gábor Lovászy, who can not only represent those hard of hearing, but, due to ageing in the world, a much broader and growing hidden disability group, too. Special mention must also be made of the fact that Dr. Lovászy has been working with the only member of the European Parliament who is a deaf sign language user, Ádám Kósa, since before his election in 2009.





Based on the above, it is my pleasure to once again recommend Mr. László Gábor Lovászy for this position now opening at the CRPD.

I wish Dr. László Gábor Lovászy all the best in his candidacy and have every hope that his election will have a positive impact on the life of deaf and hard of hearing people.

Yours sincerely

János Áder