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To Whom It May Concern

UNCRPD Committee Candidacy: Dr László Gábor Lovászy, PhD Law - Support Letter

The European Union of the Deaf (EUD) is the only supranational organisation representing Deaf people at European level. It is EUD's aim to achieve equality in public and private life for Deaf people all over Europe to ensure they can become full citizens. Its main objectives are the recognition of the right to use an indigenous sign language, empowerment through communication and information, and equality in education and employment.

We support the re-election of Dr. László Gábor Lovászy. We consider it a priority to keep him in the CRPD Committee as the expert with hearing loss, especially in the light of the report of WHO, which estimates that the number of deaf and hard of hearing people is likely to grow rapidly due to the ageing of the word population.

Even though Mr Lovaszy is devoted to all groups of persons with disabilities, he always put a special emphasis on the case of the deaf and hard of hearing people. He has also continuously been consulting the NGOs, European stakeholders, and as a CRPD expert had held more than 15 presentations for decision-makers, professionals and persons with disabilities in many European capitals since 2012. He is not only a nationally, but also internationally recognised expert having more than 80 publications in Hungarian and English alike. He has been invited to deliver lessons on disability at three Hungarian universities and gave course for administrators of the Prime Minister's Office to help the government implement better the Convention.

EUD wishes Dr. László Gábor Lovászy all the best in his candidacy and hopes his re-election will have a further positive impact on the lives of Deaf people.

Sincerely yours,

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President of EUD