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## **WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF**

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### **Re: Candidacy of Dr László Gábor Lovászy for re-election to the CRPD Committee in June 2016**

The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) is pleased to learn that Dr László Gábor Lovászy, a hard of hearing candidate from Hungary, is standing for re-election to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ('the Committee') in June 2016.

WFD notes that Dr Lovászy has wide experience and knowledge in disability and human rights law, experience in issues affecting people who are hard of hearing, and proven experience working as an independent expert on the Committee.

During his time on the Committee, he has consulted with the Signing Deaf Community on matters related to sign language and deaf people. He made valuable contributions to the debate around inclusive education for the Committee's General Comment on Article 24 CRPD. He shows insight and understanding of broader disability rights issues including those affecting people who are deaf and hard of hearing during the interactive dialogues with the various governments.

WFD wishes Dr Lovászy every success in his re-election and would take pleasure in working with him as a Committee member to ensure the full implementation of the CRPD Articles dealing with sign language and Deaf Culture.

Yours sincerely

Colin Allen  
President

#### **About the World Federation of the Deaf**

*The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) is an international non-governmental organisation representing and promoting approximately 70 million deaf people's human rights worldwide. The WFD is a federation of deaf organisations from 132 nations; its mission is to promote the human rights of deaf people and full, quality and equal access to all spheres of life, including self-determination, sign language, education, employment and community life. WFD has a consultative status in the United Nations and is a member of International Disability Alliance (IDA). ([www.wfdeaf.org](http://www.wfdeaf.org)) Email: [info@wfdeaf.org](mailto:info@wfdeaf.org)*