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To Whom It May Concern

**UNCRPD Committee Candidacy: 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.

It is further EUD's aim to fight for the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Therefore, EUD fully supports the Hungarian UNCRPD Committee candidate László Gábor Lovászy who is himself hard-of-hearing and has been working with the only MEP who is a Deaf sign language user, Dr Ádám Kósa since before his election in 2009. The 2012 EUD General Assembly pronounced its full support to the candidate in Copenhagen, entrusting him with the task to represent not only the Deaf Community but also hard-of-hearing people all across the world.

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

Yours sincerely

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