



**Joint Statement
between
the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters
and
the Sign Language Linguistics Society**

The World Association of Sign Language Interpreters and the Sign Language Linguistics Society are happy to issue the following statement as evidence of their agreement to work in close partnership. By this statement, we agree:

- (i) to promote the development of professional sign language interpreter associations, sign language interpreting programs, and professionalism of deaf and hearing interpreters
- (ii) to provide support in enhancing academic, professional and ethical standards in sign language interpreting and sign language research
- (iii) to affirm the importance of joint working, close liaison and transparent communication between sign language associations and sign language research institutions at local, national and international levels — in close collaboration with Deaf communities.
- (iv) to endorse the full implementation of UN-CPRD, with a special focus on the use of sign language(s) in all discrimination-free areas of the lives of Deaf people all over the world

Signed:	Signed:	Signed:
Date	Date	Date
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