



Association of
Visual Language Interpreters
of Canada

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The Canadian Cultural Society of the Deaf (CCSD), the Canadian Association of the Deaf (CAD), and the Association of Visual Language Interpreters of Canada (AVLIC) are pleased to issue the following statement to support their agreement to work in close partnership for the future benefit of Canadian Deaf people who use Sign Languages and the profession of interpreters whose working languages include a Sign Language. This coincides with the agreement set forward by the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters (WASLI).

We will strive to provide learning opportunities to increase the number of available professional Sign Language interpreters in Canada who are competent and appropriately qualified to Canadian national standards.

We affirm the importance of collaboration, close liaison and mutual transparent communication between the Deaf community and Sign Language interpreters at a local, regional and national level across Canada.

We will pay attention to the development of national links in order to build capacity, provide a forum for discussion and share resources among Deaf people and Sign Language interpreters.

This agreement recognizes the primacy of CAD and CCSD to advance the political, cultural, language, economic, social and educational rights and interests of Deaf people in Canada; it recognizes AVLIC's primacy to advance the profession, rights and interests of sign language interpreters.

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