

## JOINT STATEMENT

The World Federation of the DeafBlind (WFDB) and the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters (WASLI) are pleased to issue the following statement committing to collaboration for the benefit of people with deafblindness and the deafblind interpreting profession:

We will promote each other's organisations;

We will consult each other on relevant matters;

We will report on our collaborative progress to the Executive Board/Council meetings of our respective organisations;

We will work toward having representation at each other's conferences;

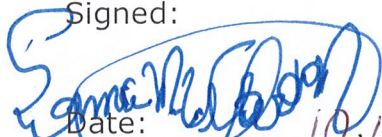
We will encourage recognition of interpreters working with people with deafblindness throughout the world;

We will strive to increase learning opportunities to expand the numbers of professional interpreters working in deafblind communities who are competent and appropriately qualified to national standards;

We will seek to affirm the importance of joint working, close liaison and transparent communication between associations of people with deafblindness and interpreters at local, national, regional and international levels;

We will pay particular attention to the development of international links in order to build capacity, provide a forum for discussion and share resources with developing countries.

Signed:



Date:

WFDB President

10.11.2013

Signed:

*Debra Russell*

Date: 12/01/13

WASLI President