



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (Signed on July 13, 2016)

Association québécoise des interprètes en langues des signes (AQILS) 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 sign language interpreters throughout Canada.

We affirm to maintain a close liaison and recognize the importance of collaboration and mutual transparent communication among the Canadian Deaf communities and sign language interpreters at a local, regional and national level.

We will pay attention to the development of national links in order to build capacities, provide forums for collaborative discussion, and share resources among sign language interpreters.

We will strive to provide learning opportunities to increase the number of available, professional, competent and appropriately qualified sign language interpreters throughout Canada.

This Agreement recognizes the primacy of AQILS to advance the political, cultural, language, social and educational rights and interests of sign language interpreters in Québec.

This Agreement also recognizes AVLIC's primacy to advance the interpreting profession, the rights and the interests of sign language interpreters throughout Canada. AVLIC is committed to follow the leadership of AQILS to advance the profession, rights and interests of LSQ-French sign language interpreters in Québec, and throughout Canada.

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