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## CPRD Civil Society Report Gathering Evidence Form

### Introduction

The Parliament of Canada ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CPRD) on March 2010. The Government of Canada submitted its Initial Report (IR) on February 2014. The CRPD Committee will adopt the list of issues on Canada during its 16th session scheduled to take place from 15 August to 2 September 2016.

The Canadian Association of the Deaf-Association des Sourds du Canada (CAD-ASC) is working on a joint submission report with Council of Canadians with Disabilities (CCD) to the CPRD Committee that will respond to the Government of Canada's Initial Report. Our concerns are accessibility, human rights, and our national Sign languages (ASL and LSQ). We will make recommendations on these issues for inclusion in our report to the CRPD Committee.

CAD-ASC is asking Deaf associations, organizations working with Deaf people, colleges and universities, interpreters association, and individuals to contribute verifiable evidence that can be shown to be reliable - for example where a Deaf person has successfully sued for human rights, or where Deaf people's rights have improved or worsened as the result of legislation or policies. Ideally, evidence involves a paper trail, case studies, or more than one witness of a discriminatory behaviour. Links to posts in social media will be acceptable, as long as the links follow the trail to the actual messages. We are looking from the year 2010 up to today.

Please return the form **by 15 March 2016** to Frank Folino, President at [ffolino@cad.ca](mailto:ffolino@cad.ca).

We will greatly appreciate any input. Thank you for your contribution.

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### Part 1 Specific topics

We need evidence from you that will help us strengthen our case in relation to some of the articles. If you have any evidence on any of the following points, please let us know.

- 1. Is there evidence of anything the government (national, provincial/territorial, or city) is doing to facilitate the learning of sign language and the promotion of the linguistic identity of the Deaf community (i.e. Sign language videos or others)?**
  
- 2. With regard to Deaf students at Provincial Schools of the Deaf or regular schools in your province/territory, is there any evidence to show whether the education system is adequate, has gotten better, or has gotten worse?**
  
- 3. When Deaf people are detained by the police (provincial/territorial) or border officers/RCMP (federal), have they been refused Sign language interpreters?**
  
- 4. Are there accessible services (national, provincial/ territorial, or city) for Deaf people in the following topics: 1) legal services; and 2) counselling services for sexual abuse, mental issues or bullying issues? What kind of resources are available?**
  
- 5. Is there evidence that Deaf people have received medical treatment without informed consent such as Sign language interpreters?**
  
- 6. Do you know of examples where Deaf people have had issues with immigration services including settlement services (literacy, and integration into society), refugee boards, legal process and etc?**
  
- 7. Is there any evidence that a Deaf person has had issues with telecommunication services (wireless, internet, text with 9-1-1 and IP Relay) or broadcasting services (closed captioning, online closed captioning)?**

8. Do you have evidence or examples of the provincial/ territorial or city governments failing to provide adequate resources and the use of Sign language for Deaf children at an early age?
  
9. Is there evidence of direct, indirect, and/or systemic discrimination against Deaf people in any level of government?
  
10. What barriers have Deaf people experienced in getting employment?

## **Part 2**

### **Evidence linked to specific articles of the CRPD**

Do you wish to add any more **evidence, statistical information or case studies** to specific articles of the CPRD?

For example, if you want to add evidence about education, please refer to article 24; if you want to add evidence about health issues please refer to article 25 or if you want to add evidence about sport, please refer to article 30.

We would be very grateful for any reliable evidence you may be able to share with us about each article.