

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

The Philippine Coalition on CRPD expresses full support to the appeal of the deaf sector to respect its right to have a Filipino sign Language. It should be noted that in transmitting knowledge, information and skills to hearing children, the Department of Education uses their respective local dialects and Filipino. The reason is that children naturally absorb and learn more effectively when their natural language is the medium of instruction. The same is true with deaf children. They too need and deserve to be taught in their natural sign dialects.

This is the very essence of the Salamanca Declaration which recognizes the rights of the deaf to be taught in their national sign language.

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