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## WORLD FEDERATION OF THE DEAF

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Re: Congratulations on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NTID!

Dear Gerard.

On behalf of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD), I would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations on the 50th anniversary of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID).

As an International Member of the WFD, it is with great pride that the WFD has maintained long-standing cooperation with the National Technical Institute for the Deaf after this educational institution became a full Associate member of the WFD in 1980 and then changed to its membership status, International Membership in 2014.

Over the years, this close collaboration has yielded to support WFD in many ways, such as to sponsor materials for the past WFD Congresses. We are very grateful to have such on-going relationships and look forward to strengthen this connection.

NTID is a highly respected international educational institute for the Deaf Community. I believe that NTID will continue to bring about meaningful changes to many deaf and hard of hearing students from over the world.

I wish NTID every success and congratulations once again on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of foundation.

Warmest regards

Colin Allen President

## About the World Federation of the Deaf

The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) is an international non-governmental organisation representing and promoting approximately 70 million deaf people's human rights worldwide. The WFD is a federation of deaf organisations from 135 nations; its mission is to promote the human rights of deaf people and full, quality and equal access to all spheres of life, including self-determination, sign language, education, employment and community life. WFD has a consultative status in the United Nations and is a founding member of International Disability Alliance (IDA). (www.wfdeaf.org) Email: info@wfd.fi