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## **Subject: Letter of support for Ivanka Jovanovic candidacy for CRPD**

On the occasion of Ivanka Jovanovic candidacy as a new member for the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the National Organization of Persons with disabilities of Serbia (NOOIS) representing the disability movement in Serbia, i.e. the interest of 800.000 persons with disabilities and their legal representatives, speaking in the name of 14 National Associations of PWDs with more than 450 local associations throughout of Serbia, hereby provides full support for her. We do so taking into account her competencies, excellent knowledge of the concept of human rights and policies in the field of human rights of persons with disabilities (at national and international levels) and good knowledge of domestic and international regulations, especially the UN Convention.

We strongly believe that, based on her many years of work in the field of improving the position of persons with disabilities in Serbia and wider, she will make a personal contribution to the promotion and implementation of the UN Convention, first of all in our country, as well as throughout the world.

As a woman with disability and as a person with excellent education and communication skills, in our opinion she can contribute to the progress in different fields of inclusion and equality of PWDs, such architectural accessibility and access to health, social services, education, work, culture, sport and leisure, and to the full and dignified life of persons with disabilities, particularly women with disabilities, as well as in other areas of the Convention.

Her election to the Committee would be important for the disability movement in Southeast Europe and the Western Balkans.

Therefore, we believe that these are sufficient reasons for her election to this Committee (CRPD).

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