THE BBC'S RESPONSE TO THE OFCOM CONSULTATION "Signing on television: Proposed changes"

The proposals in this consultation document would not affect the BBC directly, and we suggest that they must therefore be primarily for discussion between the signing community and those channels which would be affected. The key question must be how best to ensure that the access to television of those who use sign language is promoted, having regard to the criteria set out in section 303(8) of the Communications Act 2003.

Meanwhile the BBC will continue to meet our existing commitments to BSL users and to offer special editions of *See Hear* to the Community Channel on the current voluntary basis.