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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing this in support of Dr. Jana Bérešová to become full professor at the University of Trnava. I first met Dr. Bérešová in 2007 during an international conference jointly organised by the Language Policy Division of the Council of Europe and the Association of Language Testers in Europe at Cambridge University where she presented a report on the use of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in Slovakia, in particular at the Trnava University. Impressed by the clarity of her report and her high level of competence in language testing and assessment, I invited Dr. Bérešová to join a team of experts that I was setting up in response to a call for projects to be funded under the upcoming medium-term programme at the European Centre for Modern Languages of the Council of Europe (ECML) in Graz, Austria. Our proposal for a series of events and workshops devoted to the issue of relating language exams to the CEFR – RELEX – was accepted and soon became one of the most successful ECML projects, still in operation – now co-financed by the European Commission – offering assistance to institutions and authorities interested in validating claims how their language examinations are linked to the European Reference Scales of the CEFR. This success may to a considerable extent be attributed to the engagement and professionalism of Dr. Bérešová, who, since then (2008), co-organised and conducted 28 workshops in 16 European countries, together with other experts from the RELEX (now RELANG) team – quite an impressive record, indeed! During all these years Dr. Bérešová kept raising her professional profile becoming an

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internationally known, renowned and sought after expert in the field of language testing and assessment, carrying out consultative work requested by authorities in a number of European countries, a. o. Slovenia, Portugal, Czech Republic, and Montenegro. This, in addition to her equally impressive record of publications (incl. two monographs in a renowned international publishing house – Peter Lang), numerous conference presentations at national and international level, extensive academic teaching (incl. two successfully completed Ph. D. procedures), involvement in and contribution to several international projects (incl. 8 Council of Europe/ECML projects) and organisational engagement (incl. functions of vice-dean and vice-rector) leaves for me no doubts that the scientific and pedagogic merits that Dr. Jana Bérešová presents, predestine her to be promoted to the position of a full professor at Trnava University.



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