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FIT stands in solidarity with the interpreter of the meeting Trump/Putin

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The International Federation of Translators (FIT) stands with its partners in stating its opposition to the suggestion by members of the US Congress that a professional State Department interpreter for President Donald Trump be called to give testimony before Congress on the content of a special diplomatic meeting between the US and Russian Presidents.

FIT wishes to underline the following:

The requirement of confidentiality is enshrined in Translators and Interpreters' Codes of Ethics.

The crucial and highly sensitive work of politicians in international diplomacy is made possible by the vital skills and sensitive professionalism of translators and interpreters who commit daily to uphold these values of confidentiality and professional integrity, when entrusted with sensitive data and confidential information.

Independent of State Security Clearance and agreements of confidentiality and non-disclosure, a professional interpreter should not be asked to breach professional conduct for political ends.

The Federation stands in solidarity with the interpreter subject to this request and hopes US Congress will reconsider its approach.
