

Japan's intervention at 59th WIPO Assemblies (Sep 30th-Oct 9th, 2019)

Agenda item 29: Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled (MVT)
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Thank you, Mr. Chair.

First of all, this delegation would like to welcome the fact that the number of contracting parties to the Marrakesh Treaty has steadily been increasing.

Japan deposited the instrument of accession last year and the Marrakesh Treaty has come into force in Japan since January 1, 2019.

In Japan, two organizations, the National Diet Library and the National Association of Institutions of Information Service for Visually Impaired Persons, have joined the Accessible Books Consortium. Both of them are currently preparing for the service.

We recognize that this treaty is important to facilitate access to published works for the visually impaired persons with due consideration to the balance between the interests of rights holders and the public interest.

Therefore, we hope that more member states will accede to the Marrakesh Treaty and the cross-border exchange network of this Treaty will expand more.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.