

Japan's intervention at the 65th Series of Meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO (July 9th-July 17th, 2024)

Agenda item 16: Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled (MVT)
Status of the Marrakesh Treaty (MVT/A/9/1 Rev.)

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Japan would like to express its gratitude to the Chair and the Secretariat for your great efforts to organize this meeting.

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

We recognize that this treaty is important in facilitating access to published works by visually impaired persons with due consideration to the balance between the interests of right holders and the public interest.

The Marrakesh Treaty has been in force in Japan since January 1st, 2019. Since then, the cross-border exchange of accessible format copies of published works between authorized entities of Japan and those of other contracting countries has been increasing.

We hope that more countries will accede to this Treaty and that the cross-border exchange network of this Treaty will expand.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.