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**INTERVENTION of the Delegation of Trinidad and Tobago on
Agenda Item No. 16: Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for
Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled**

The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago is pleased to report that the instrument of accession to the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled (“the Marrakesh Treaty”) was deposited by Trinidad and Tobago on October 4, 2019.

Mr. Chairman, the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago incorporated the provisions to implement the Marrakesh Treaty into our Copyright Act Chap. 82:80 through the Copyright (Amendment) Act No. 14 of 2020 which was assented to on June 15, 2020.

The authorised entity appointed under the Copyright Act of Trinidad and Tobago (as amended) for the purposes of giving effect to the Marrakesh Treaty and the dissemination of accessible format copies is the National Library and Information System Authority. The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago looks forward to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Accessible Books Consortium of WIPO and the National Library and Information System Authority so that the visually impaired persons within our country can access the extensive library of works and curb the “book famine” in Trinidad and Tobago.

Our gratitude is of course extended to WIPO for its assistance in the drafting of Copyright (Amendment) Act No. 14 of 2020. Trinidad and Tobago looks forward to the continuing work of WIPO in administering the Marrakesh Treaty. We also look forward to working together with other member states regarding their operations in this regard.

Mr. Chairman, with these comments, I thank you.