

Marrakesh Treaty Questionnaire – Afghanistan

1. Please indicate the relevant provisions in your national legislation providing for or regulating the limitations and exceptions to facilitate access to published works for persons who are blind, visually impaired, or otherwise print disabled.

In accordance with Article 53 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and in accordance with international treaties, the Action Plan for the Reconstruction of Persons with Disabilities and their Active Involvement in Society has been prepared to establish a mechanism for coordination between the Ministry of Information and Culture and the Ministry of Martyrs and Disabled Persons. We have signed on this.

2. Does your national legislation permit the cross-border exchange (i.e. exportation) of “accessible format copies”, as defined in Article 2 b)¹ MVT? If yes, under which conditions?

As regards border exchange (export), it should be noted that copying, publishing and copying is not permitted under copyright law.

3. Does your national legislation allow the importation of “accessible format copies”, as defined in Article 2 b)² MVT? If yes, under which conditions?

4. Does your national legislation provide a definition of “authorized entity”, as defined in Article 2 c)³ MVT? If yes, please provide the reference.

Answer to questions 3 and 4: Yes but in case if it does not have a personal benefit and commercial aspect the copy can be use only for once.

5. Please provide a list with contact details of entities that can operate as authorized entities in your territory, and any further information that you can provide, such as number of accessible titles in the catalogue of the authorized entity and the languages covered.

The list and specification of the affiliated entities who are the partner organizations involved in disability issues are as follows;

- 1 – Ministry of Martyrs and Disabled Affairs.
- 2 – Ministry of Higher Education.
- 3 – Ministry of Information and Culture.
- 4 – National Radio and Television of Afghanistan.
- 5 – Media institutions.