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GATINEAU, June 1, 2020 – In recognition of National AccessAbility Week (NAAW), the Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération canadienne des associations de bibliothèques is pleased to announce the release of the Canadian version of *Getting Started: Implementing the Marrakesh Treaty for persons with print disabilities: A practical guide for librarians*.

In June 2016, Government of Canada committed to accede to the Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired or Otherwise Print Disabled, making Canada the 20th nation to accede to the Marrakesh Treaty. This made it possible for the WIPO Treaty to enter into force on September 30, 2016.

The information in the *Guide* is organized as an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions), answering questions for front line library staff on how to implement the Treaty in Canada, and providing links for further information. This Canadian version of the Marrakesh Treaty guide is customized to Canada's copyright law, and informs library staff on the practical steps to improving access to works, and sourcing works from other libraries around the world.

"As IFLA's delegate to the Diplomatic Conference in Marrakesh and as a lifelong advocate accessible library services, I am especially pleased to see this Marrakesh Treaty Guide in the hands of library staff, to enable improved access to printed works for the beneficiaries of the Treaty, blind and print disabled readers." stated Victoria Owen, Chair, CFLA-FCAB Copyright Committee. "We encourage all Canadian libraries to consult the Getting Started Guide, and to take the necessary steps to make Canada more accessible."

The Canadian version Marrakesh Treaty Guide is widely available: look for it on websites in Canada, CFLA (<http://cfla-fcab.ca/en/copyright/>) and the Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) and internationally, at the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA).

The Canadian Federation of Library Associations/Fédération Canadienne des associations de bibliothèques (CFLA-FCAB) is the national voice of Canada's library associations. Our purpose is to advance library excellence in Canada, champion library values and the value of libraries and influence national and international public policy impacting libraries and their communities.

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