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FLANDERS (Belgium) and The NETHERLANDS

IFLA Section Libraries serving Persons with Print Disabilities (LPD; previously Libraries for the Blind Section)

We, the participants at the IFLA Satellite Conference gathered in Mechelen and Maastricht, 18-20 August 2009,

supported by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: <u>http://www.un.org/disabilities/</u>, where it is stated that print disabled people have the right to equal access to books, knowledge and information at the same time, cost and quality as everyone else,

aware of the proposed WIPO Treaty for Improved Access for Blind, Visually Impaired and other Reading Disabled Persons

in view of global initiatives like international reading campaigns to stress the equal rights of persons with disabilities to have access to information and knowledge,

call upon IFLA including the national library associations and the IFLA section members, and national and local partners

- To work for further ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by their national governments, and to take action to enhance its implementation and monitoring
- To work with international partners on highlighting and including the development of library and information services to persons with a disability, in implementation and monitoring of the United Nations Convention.
- To advocate for cross border collection sharing and lending, such as envisaged in the Global Library Project for print-Disabled Users, in view of international regulations, such as the proposed WIPO Treaty;
- o To work for inclusive (inter)national reading and library campaigns