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INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

KNOW YE, that whereas, the *Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled* (hereinafter called "*Marrakesh Treaty*"), was adopted on 27 June 2013 at the Diplomatic Conference held in Marrakesh, Morocco;

WHEREAS, the *Marrakesh Treaty* is founded upon the principles of non-discrimination, equal opportunity, accessibility and full and effective participation and inclusion in society, as proclaimed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

WHEREAS, the *Marrakesh Treaty* requires the Contracting Parties to provide in their national copyright laws a standard set of limitations and exceptions to copyright rules in order to permit the reproduction, distribution and availability of published works, in formats specifically designed for the blind, visually impaired, and otherwise print-disabled; and

WHEREAS, the *Marrakesh Treaty* is consistent with prevailing state policies and laws on intellectual property;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that **I, RODRIGO ROA DUTERTE**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, after having seen and considered the *Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons Who Are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled*, do hereby accede and confirm the same and each and every article and clause thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

GIVEN under my hand at the City of Manila, this **12th** day of **November** in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.




By the President:



SALVADOR C. MEDIALDEA
Executive Secretary

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JONATHAN A. HIPE
Signing Officer