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IPA Welcomes Joint NFB/MPAA Statement

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The International Publishers Association welcomes the joint statement by US National Federation of the Blind President Marc Maurer and MPAA President Senator Chris Dodd on the Importance of completing the WIPO Visually Impaired Treaty and invites the World Blind Union to jointly work on a successful treaty text.

IPA, too, wants the visually impaired treaty to work in practice: the treaty must give blind and visually impaired persons around the world access to the special format copies of the books they want.

We believe that treaty wording can be found that would fully address the concerns raised by the NFB and the MPAA in this statement.

In the spirit of this joint statement, we invite the US National Federation of the Blind, the World Blind Union, and its other member organisations to work with the Association of American Publishers, IPA and other publisher organisations to make the diplomatic conference in Marrakech a success.

More about the Statement:

The full text of the MPAA Statement can be found at:
<http://mpaa.org/resources/e8f5ff20-8f2a-4356-8311-bafd64e9e5c2.pdf>

More about IPA:

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