



DIGITAL LITERACY & ACCESS

Recognizing the pivotal role of digital literacy in fostering inclusive, equitable, and sustainable development in the global community, and emphasizing the essential need for access to translation services to facilitate communication across linguistic and cultural barriers, the Member States of the United Nations hereby adopt this treaty to promote digital literacy and ensure universal access to translation services within the United Nations framework.

Article 1: Purpose

The purpose of this Treaty is to:

1. Promote digital literacy as a fundamental skill for all individuals, ensuring that every person has the knowledge, tools, and resources to access and participate in the digital world.
2. Guarantee equitable access to translation services to ensure effective communication, participation, and understanding across all official languages of the United Nations.
3. Foster international cooperation and capacity-building to enhance digital literacy and translation services globally.

Article 2: Definitions

For the purposes of this Treaty:

1. Digital Literacy refers to the ability to use technology and digital tools effectively to access, evaluate, create, and communicate information in diverse digital environments.
2. Translation Services refers to the provision of written and oral translation in the official languages of the United Nations to ensure accurate, culturally appropriate communication between all stakeholders.

Article 3: Commitment to Digital Literacy

1. Member States shall prioritize the promotion of digital literacy at all levels of education, from primary to tertiary, integrating digital literacy into national education curricula.
2. Member States shall provide access to digital technologies, training, and resources, especially in underserved communities, to bridge the digital divide and enable equitable participation in the digital age.
3. The United Nations, through its agencies and programs, shall support the development of digital literacy training programs for all citizens, particularly marginalized and vulnerable groups, including women, children, and persons with disabilities.

Article 4: Ensuring Access to Translation Services

1. The United Nations shall ensure that all official documents, meetings, and communications are made accessible in the six official languages of the United Nations: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish.
2. Member States agree to promote the use of translation services in national and local governmental institutions, ensuring that citizens have access to translation services for public information, legal matters, and governmental procedures.
3. The United Nations shall continue to enhance its technological capacity to provide real-time translation services, including through artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies, including the UNU cubes, to support multilingual communication.

Article 5: Cooperation and Capacity Building

1. Member States commit to supporting international cooperation in the development of digital tools, resources, and infrastructure to promote digital literacy globally.
2. The United Nations shall facilitate the sharing of best practices, research, and innovations in digital literacy and translation services between Member States and relevant stakeholders.
3. The United Nations shall provide technical assistance, funding, and training to support Member States in the establishment and enhancement of digital literacy and translation programs.

Article 6: Monitoring and Reporting

1. Member States shall submit annual reports to the United Nations on their progress in promoting digital literacy and providing access to translation services within their countries.
2. The United Nations shall establish a monitoring body to evaluate the implementation of this Treaty, provide recommendations, and promote continuous improvement in digital literacy and translation access.

Article 7: Final Provisions

1. This Treaty shall be open for signature and ratification by all Member States of the United Nations.
2. The Treaty shall come into force once ratified by a minimum of two-thirds of the Member States.
3. Any amendments to this Treaty may be proposed by Member States and shall be adopted through consensus or a two-thirds majority vote by the General Assembly.
4. This Treaty shall be implemented in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, with a view to ensuring the full participation of all people in a digitally connected world.

Conclusion:

The Member States of the United Nations reaffirm their commitment to ensuring that all individuals, regardless of their geographic location, socioeconomic status, or linguistic background, have access to digital literacy and the necessary translation services to fully engage in the global community. Through international cooperation, innovation, and shared responsibility, we pledge to build a more inclusive, equitable, and digitally literate world.

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