

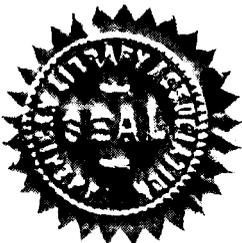
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RESOLUTION CONCERNING UNITED STATES WITHDRAWAL FROM UNESCO

- WHEREAS, The United States has withdrawn from membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) effective December 31, 1984; and
- WHEREAS, The Council of the American Library Association on January 11, 1984 noted the importance of preserving the many positive benefits of continuing U.S. participation in UNESCO; and
- WHEREAS, The Council on June 27, 1984 urged extension of U.S membership in UNESCO; and
- WHEREAS, The United States National Committee for the UNESCO General Information Program has expressed concern for the status of U.S. nationals employed at UNESCO and has submitted proposals for alternative mechanisms to accomplish U.S. objectives in the international library/information area; and
- WHEREAS, On December 10, 1984 the Department of State made a public commitment to support a program of alternative activities, including selected programs under UNESCO's umbrella;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association expresses its concern for the status of U.S. nationals employed by UNESCO; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association commends the U.S. National Committee for the UNESCO/PGI for its work in identifying alternative mechanisms to further the objectives of the General Information Program and to assure continued representation of U.S. interests in the international library/information area during the period of U.S. absence from UNESCO; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association calls upon the Department of State and the Congress to support selected UNESCO programs or suitable alternative mechanisms in such areas as the General Information Program, copyright, archives, book development, literacy training, education of library and information professionals and the formulation of international standards, policies, norms and agreements in the information area; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association calls upon both the Department of State and the Congress to monitor closely future developments in UNESCO so as both to safeguard important American interests in the library, information and communications areas during the period of withdrawal and to facilitate a continuing process of reform that will permit the United States to rejoin UNESCO at the earliest possible date; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of State, appropriate members of Congress, the United States National Commission for UNESCO, the United States National Committee for the UNESCO/PGI, the Director General of UNESCO, the Director of the UNESCO General Information program and other appropriate bodies.



ADOPTED BY THE
COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
January 9, 1985 in Washington, D.C.
Transmitted by

Robert Wedgeworth

Robert Wedgeworth, Secretary of Council

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February 18, 1985

The Honorable George P. Shultz
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, DC 20520

Dear Mr. Secretary

As you know, the American Library Association was distressed at the proposed withdrawal by the United States from UNESCO and upon two previous of its Meetings sent communications to the appropriate bodies urging reconsideration.

The Association, now that United States withdrawal from UNESCO has been effected, urges that selected UNESCO programs or suitable alternative mechanisms be supported, and that future UNESCO developments be monitored closely. To these ends, the governing body of the Association, the ALA Council, at its 1985 Midwinter Meeting in Washington, adopted the enclosed Resolution.

We were interested to learn of UNESCO's recent action to provide facilities for a U.S. observer mission which is following the progress of reforms. We would be happy to participate in this activity in what ever appropriate way.

Sincerely yours

Robert Wedgeworth
Robert Wedgeworth
Executive Director

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cc: President Josey

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Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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United States Senate
Senate Office Building
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