WHEREAS, The UNESCO-sponsored Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials (known as the Florence Agreement) was opened for signature at Lake Success, New York, on November 22, 1950, and some forty-six nations now adhere thereto; and

WHEREAS, The Senate of the United States did advise and consent to ratification of the Agreement on February 13, 1960; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of State is, by agreement with the Senate, withholding the deposit of the instrument of ratification of the Agreement by the United States until the Agreement is implemented by legislation enacted by the Congress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Library Association, continuing in its conviction that the United States should no longer delay its adherence to the Florence Agreement, hereby urges the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the President and Members of the United States Senate and the Speaker and Members of the United States House of Representatives, to take measures to enact as promptly as possible the implementing legislation which will permit the deposit of the ratification of the Agreement by the United States.

Adopted by the Council of the American Library Association
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Transmitted by David H. Clift
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