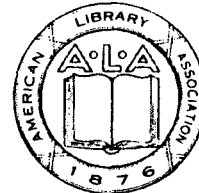


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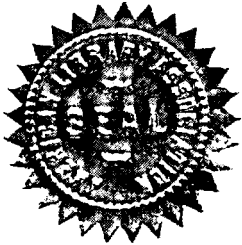
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PROTOCOL TO THE FLORENCE AGREEMENT ON THE IMPORTATION OF EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL MATERIALS

- WHEREAS, The Council of the American Library Association adopted a resolution on June 20, 1977, setting forth the benefits of the Protocol to the Florence Agreement for libraries and their users in removing further barriers to the international flow of library materials and urged that the United States adhere to the Protocol as an international treaty after making the necessary changes in the domestic law; and
- WHEREAS, The Protocol is now before the Senate of the United States in Senate Treaty Document 97-2; and
- WHEREAS, The recommendations of the Secretary of State contained in the Senate Treaty Document as to which optional provisions of the Protocol should be adopted by the United States are in accordance with the ALA resolution of June 20, 1977; THEREFORE BE IT
- RESOLVED, That the Council of the American Library Association express its satisfaction and appreciation for the action already taken; and FURTHER
- RESOLVED, That the Council of the American Library Association respectfully urges that the administration, through the Department of State, submit to the Senate and House of Representatives a draft of implementing legislation in this session of the Congress; and FURTHER
- RESOLVED, That the Council of the American Library Association respectfully urges the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to schedule early hearings on the Protocol as a treaty; and FURTHER
- RESOLVED, That the Council of the American Library Association respectfully urges that on the completion of Senate action on the Protocol as a treaty that the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives schedule early hearings on the implementing legislation; and FURTHER
- RESOLVED, That the Executive Director send this Resolution to the President of the United States; to the Secretary of State; to the Assistant Secretary of State for Cultural Affairs; to the Chairman of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science; to the Librarian of Congress; to the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign

Relations of the U.S. Senate; to the Chairman of the Committee on International Relations of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means of the U.S. House of Representatives; to the Secretary General of the United Nations; to the Director-General of UNESCO; to the President of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions; and to the Chairman of the U.S. National Commission for UNESCO.



ADOPTED BY THE
ALA COUNCIL
June 30, 1981

Transmitted by Robert Wedgeworth
Secretary of Council