

RESOLUTION CONCERNING UNITED STATES REESTABLISHMENT
OF MEMBERSHIP IN UNESCO

WHEREAS, The American Library Association has a deep and abiding interest in UNESCO and has been involved in UNESCO-related activities since that organizations founding; and

WHEREAS, American librarians continue to be sought after as consultants and library programs are looked to as models by UNESCO participants; and

WHEREAS, Membership in UNESCO would reflect the consistent policy of ALA; and

WHEREAS, International cooperation in library and information services is essential to advance our democratic values globally; and

WHEREAS, UNESCO's programs are vital to the flow of publications and information, to Universal Bibliographical Control, to international copyright, to the worldwide promotion of books, libraries, publishing and literacy; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the ALA request that the United States declare its intention to return to active participation in UNESCO; and

That the ALA call upon the Department of State and Congress to appoint an active team to engage in UNESCO business and find a voice in the selection of the Director General's successor and in other UNESCO affairs; and

That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of State, appropriate members of Congress, all the 1988 U.S. Presidential candidates, and other appropriate bodies.

Sponsor of Resolution: International Relations Committee
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Based on ALA's Federal Legislative Policy on International Programs

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