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Nuclear Freeze, the Arms Race and National Security. The American Library Association supports the concept of a nuclear freeze on the development and deployment of nuclear weapons. It urges libraries to establish balanced up-to-date collections of library materials on national security in the nuclear age, on nuclear arms, and the movements for disarmament and a nuclear moratorium. The Association furthermore urges libraries to stimulate public interest in these issues and make information available about various courses of action concerned individuals may take. (See "Policy Reference File")

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1984---THE ARMS RACE

- WHEREAS, An Audience of some 100 million people saw the television film, THE DAY AFTER on November 20, 1983; and
- WHEREAS, Scientists have recently called attention to an unforeseen and particularly dire consequence of nuclear bombing---the onset of planetary nuclear winter; and
- WHEREAS, The Euromissiles have recently become operational, and the various series of formal arms control talks have collapsed; and
- WHEREAS, The United States has been increasingly relying on military means for solving problems in the Caribbean, the Middle East and Central America; and
- WHEREAS, Plans are actively going forward to extend the arms race into outer space, and such curbs on proliferation of nuclear and conventional weapons are faltering; and
- WHEREAS, More and more resources are being diverted to military uses, while vast inventory of global needs go unmet; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association reaffirms with special urgency its call at the Los Angeles Conference (1983 for libraries to give high priority to making information available about the arms race issue and about actions individuals can take; and be it Further
- RESOLVED, That this Resolution be referred to appropriate ALA divisions having selection committees who may wish to consider appropriate action.

ADOPTED BY THE
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Transmitted by

Robert Wedgeworth, Secretary of Council

NUCLEAR ARMS RACE INFORMATION

WHEREAS the American Library Association supports the concept of a bilateral nuclear weapons freeze, and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a freeze resolution this session, and

WHEREAS the U.S. Roman Catholic hierarchy has recently called for a halt to the arms race, and

WHEREAS nonetheless funds have just been approved for the MX missile project, and

WHEREAS Cruise and Pershing missiles are going to be installed on schedule in Europe starting at the end of this year, and

WHEREAS the stockpiles of nuclear warheads, which carry the threat of disaster on an unprecedented scale and endanger even civilization itself, continue to grow without restraint,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association urges libraries to give high priority to making information available about the ongoing arms race debate & about various courses of action concerned individuals may take.

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NUCLEAR FREEZE POLICY

WHEREAS, The most basic issue confronting the world today is the survival of the human race in the face of increasing nuclear armaments, and

WHEREAS, The existing stockpile of nuclear weapons in the world is capable of its destruction many times over, and

WHEREAS, The American Library Association supports the right of peoples to speak in opposition to governments, and

WHEREAS, There is a groundswell of human support for a halt to the development of nuclear arms, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the American Library Association go on record as supporting the concept of a nuclear freeze on the development and deployment of nuclear weapons, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, That libraries make available information about nuclear arms and the movement for a nuclear moratorium.



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