

General Resolutions Presented to the IFLA Council 1985

Nairobi Protocol to the Florence Agreement, approved by the General Conference of UNESCO, November 30, 1976

WHEREAS the Florence Agreement (Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials) by eliminating import duties on books, periodicals, printed music and other educational, scientific and cultural materials in over 70 adhering countries has provided great benefits to libraries and their users, as well as to educational institutions and the general public; and

WHEREAS a 1976 Nairobi Protocol (supplement) to the Protocol have adopted optional Annex C-2 which severely limits the duty free import of audio, visual and microform materials rather than optional Annex C-1, which extends duty free status to these materials on the same basis as books and other publications; and

WHEREAS the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, the International Publishers Association, the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry, and other international associations have long supported the Protocol and optional Annex C-1,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions again urge its component national associations to recommend strongly to their national governments prompt adherence to the Protocol and optional Annex C-1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be printed in the IFLA Journal and be sent to member associations of IFLA, to the Secretary-General of UNESCO, to UNESCO national committees in all countries adhering to the Florence Agreement and to the International Publishers Association, the International Federation of the Phonographic Industry and other international associations concerned.

Submitted by,

United States Member Associations

The American Association of Law Libraries
The American Library Association
The Art Libraries Society of North America
The Association for Library and Information Science Education
The Association of Research Libraries
The Medical Library Association
Special Libraries Association

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