

RESOLUTION ON THE RETURN OF THE
UNITED STATES TO UNESCO

- WHEREAS, The United States Government withdrew from UNESCO in 1984 citing its dissatisfaction with the management and certain policies of UNESCO; and
- WHEREAS, The United States withdrawal from UNESCO did not result in abandoning the United States' commitment to the promotion of international cooperation in the arts, sciences, culture and education; and
- WHEREAS, UNESCO has initiated positive changes in UNESCO's management and policies restoring international confidence in UNESCO; and
- WHEREAS, President Bush's "New World Order" acknowledges the importance of stronger international cooperative activities through the United Nations and its related agencies; and
- WHEREAS, UNESCO has a vital role to play in promoting educational, cultural and scientific cooperation in a "New World Order;" and
- WHEREAS, A return of the United States to UNESCO will be essential in promoting and supporting UNESCO's programs, including its library and information programs; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association urges the return of the United States to UNESCO as soon as possible; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the American Library Association request its members to contact their U.S. Representatives and Senators in Washington, D.C. suggesting that it is in the national interests for the U.S. educational, library and information communities to rejoin UNESCO; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the White House, the U.S. Secretary of State, and members of the U.S. Foreign Relations Committee, the U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, the UNESCO Director-General and the United Nation's Secretary General.

Sponsor of the Resolution: ALA International Relations Committee
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Previous resolutions

1983-84 CD #21, "Continued United States Membership in UNESCO;"
1983-84 CD #59.1, "United States Membership in UNESCO;"
1984-85 CD #28.31, "United States Withdrawal from UNESCO;"
1984-85 CD # 47.7, "The U.S. National Commission for UNESCO;"
1986-87 CD # 55, "Re-establishment of U.S. Membership in UNESCO;"
1988-89 CD # 77, "Return of the United States to UNESCO."

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