

RESOLUTION ON UNESCO FUNDING

WHEREAS, The 93rd Congress enacted the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974, which withheld funding from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) until the President could certify that the organization (1) has adopted policies that are fully consistent with its educational, scientific, and cultural objectives and (2) has taken concrete steps to correct its recent actions of a primarily political character; and

WHEREAS, On December 29, 1976, President Ford sent letters to the Speaker, United States House of Representatives, and to the President of the Senate certifying that the conditions of Section 9(h) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974 have been met and requesting that the Congress authorize and appropriate funds to pay arrearages and other assessments owed by the United States to the organization as well as the assessment to become due in Fiscal Year 1977 and 1978; and

WHEREAS, UNESCO is the primary inter-governmental organization devoted to promoting library and information science and the only international agency which is concerned with education, science, and culture; and

WHEREAS, The American Library Association is on record in support of the principles of international cooperation relating to libraries and education;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Library Association endorses restoration of funds for UNESCO; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Library Association encourages Congress to appropriate these funds promptly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Director submit this resolution to the chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees.

Sponsored by:
International Relations Committee

Submitted by:
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