

### Resolution to Repeal the USA PATRIOT Act

Whereas the ALA Council passed a resolution on 11/13/02 of the USA PATRIOT Act in its final vote on 10/20/02,

And whereas several bills are pending in the US Congress to amend the USA PATRIOT Act,

And whereas at its August 2003 meeting in Berlin, IFLA passed a resolution condemning legislation that restricts fundamental human rights to privacy and unhampered access to information in the name of national security, and calls for the repeal or amendment of all such legislation in order to protect these rights. (Resolution 3 attached)

And whereas the IFLA resolution calls on library associations to respond on this matter to the IFLA Free Access to Information and Freedom of Expression (FAIFE) Office,

Therefore be it resolved that ALA shall respond to the USA PATRIOT Act,

And resolved that this resolution be sent to the IFLA FAIFE OFFICE for their consideration.

Introduced by Al Kagan  
Seconded by Mitch Freedman

### IFLA Resolution 3, passed in Berlin, August 2003

Whereas IFLA understands that the USA PATRIOT Act is in violation of international conventions to fight terrorism,

And whereas the rights of individuals specifically include the right to privacy,

And whereas IFLA has drawn attention to the requirements for libraries, librarians, and library users of the USA PATRIOT Act,

And whereas national security legislation should not infringe existing civil and privacy rights,

Therefore be it resolved that IFLA deplores legislation which violates fundamental human rights to privacy and unhampered access to information in the name of national security and calls for the repeal or amendment of all such legislation in order to protect these rights.

And be it resolved that this resolution be disseminated worldwide, and specifically sent to all national library associations with a request that they respond on this matter to the FAIFE Office of IFLA.