

### Resolution to Repeal the USA PATRIOT Act

Whereas the AI A Council passed a resolution on the USA PATRIOT Act in its winter meeting on January 2003 (2002-2003 CD #20.1),

And whereas several bills are pending in the US Congress for the repeal of the USA PATRIOT Act,

And whereas at its August 2003 meeting in Berlin, IFLA passed a resolution on the condition of the USA PATRIOT Act, 'regarding 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 requests that 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 AI A Council support 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 the importance of the IFLA's commitment with international conventions to fight terrorism,

And whereas all countries have a responsibility to protect their citizens, specifically including 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 deplore national security 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 be sent to all national library associations for their attention and response on this matter to the FAIFE Office of IFLA "