

The logo features a large triangle on the left side. Inside the triangle, the letters 'ALA' are stacked vertically at the top, 'SoCial' is in the middle, and 'Round T' is at the bottom. To the right of the triangle, the words 'Social Responsibilities' and 'Round Table' are written in a serif font, with 'SoCial' and 'Round T' overlapping the triangle's boundary.

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Resolution Calling for a New Policy Towards Iraq

Whereas former U. N. Assistant Secretary General Denis Halliday has noted that eight years of economic sanctions have devastated the civilian population of Iraq causing the deterioration of the educational system, an increase in crime and domestic violence, and intense xenophobia and extremism among the younger generation;

And whereas UNICEF reports that over 5000 children are dying every month as a result of malnutrition and lack of health resources;

And whereas the economic sanctions have had little effect on the elimination of weapons of mass destruction;

And whereas the United States and the United Kingdom military attacks have gone well beyond United Nations resolutions and are carried out without approval of the U. N. Security Council;

And whereas U.S. policy has had a negative effect on relations with countries in Europe and the Middle East;

Therefore be it resolved that the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association advocates reversal of United States policy on economic sanctions on Iraq;

And resolved that the Social Responsibilities Round Table advocates that U.S. policy should promote disarmament, and a zone free of weapons of mass destruction in all the countries of the Middle East;

And resolved that the Social Responsibilities Round Table advocates the greater acquisition and promotion of resources reflecting the full spectrum of views relating to Middle East policy and disarmament;

And resolved that this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, members of Congress, and the library press.

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