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TO: ALA Council

RE: ALA Policy Monitoring Committee

DATE:

X ACTION REQUESTED

X INFORMATION

REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED BY: *(if no action, please leave blank)*

The charge of the ALA Policy Monitor Committee directs the committee to call Council's attention to outdated items to be retired from the manual or to gaps in the presentation of policies.

The Policy Monitoring Committee recommends deletion of the following from the ALA Policy Manual:

Item 1: B.5.3 Disarmament and Conflict Resolution Information in Libraries (Old Number 50.10) Approved July 3, 1980 Resolution on Information on Disarmament and Conflict Solving Reference: Council Minutes July 3, 1980 Number 5.
Libraries should make available and readily accessible information on possibilities for disarmament and alternative ways of solving conflict.

This resolution contains dated language and reflects specific political issues and interests. Accessibility is generally addressed in collection development policies of libraries.

Item 2: B.5.4 Nuclear Freeze, the Arms Race and National Security (Old Number 50.11) Approved January 11, 1984 Resolution: The Arms Race Reference: Policy Reference File

The ALA supports the concept of a nuclear freeze on the development and deployment of nuclear weapons. It urges libraries to establish balanced up-to-date collections of library materials on national security in the nuclear age, on nuclear arms, and the movements for disarmament and a nuclear moratorium. The Association furthermore urges libraries to stimulate public interest in these

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issues and make information available about various courses of action concerned individuals may take.

This resolution contains dated language and reflects specific political issues and interests. Accessibility is generally addressed in collection development policies of libraries.

Item 3: B.9.19 AIDS Screening (Old Number 54.19)

Approved CD#22 1988-1989 January 18, 1989 Resolution on Freedom from AIDS Screening for Library Employees Reference: Policy Reference File

The ALA opposes mandatory AIDS screening for library employees and advocates employee assistance programs as the best way for library employers to respond to performance deficiencies related to [such illness as] AIDS and AIDS Related Complex (ARC).

This matter is generally addressed by HIPPA.

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BACKGROUND:

The Policy Monitoring Committee considered the following in recommendations for deletions to the ALA Policy Manual

Resolutions approved or last amended before 1998-1999

No association with a current ALA committee, ALA unit or ALA Office

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Policies with no reference or documentation in the Policy Reference File

(ADD REPORT BELOW)

The Policy Monitoring Committee continues its review of the ALA Policy Manual to identify policies that may need updating, revisions or recommendations for deletions. When known, the policy will be referred to the associated originating source such as an ALA committee, ALA unit or office for further action.