



Resolution in Support of Freedom of Expression and Human Rights
at the Zimbabwe International Book Fair

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The Zimbabwe International Book Fair is the preeminent African book fair; and

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The Government of Zimbabwe took action to exclude the Gays and Lesbians Association of Zimbabwe from the 1995 Book Fair; and

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The Human Rights Indaba at the 1995 Zimbabwe International Book Fair issued a strong statement against this Government action; and

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The Zimbabwe International Book Fair Trust has stated its intention to accept the future participation of the Gays and Lesbians Association of Zimbabwe, and if necessary to take legal action to do so; now, therefore, be it

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That the American Library Association commends the Zimbabwe International Book Fair for its stance in support of freedom expression and human rights, as reflected in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations General Assembly; and, be it further

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That this resolution be forwarded to the Government of Zimbabwe and the Zimbabwe International Book Fair Trust.



Adopted by the
Council of the American Library Association
Wednesday, July 10, 1996

Elizabeth Martinez
Secretary to the ALA Council

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Oregon Library Association	100
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Rhode Island Library Association	100
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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT, CD#18.4-18.6, Exhibit 52. E.J. Josey, chair, moved and by *CONSENT*, Council adopted the following resolutions:

CD#18.5, Resolution on Bosnia and Herzegovina: That the American Library Association express its concern over the burning of the National and University Library of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and urges the U.S. government and the United Nations to lend financial and other assistance toward the restoration of this treasure of knowledge; and that the American Library Association take a leadership role in formulating a campaign to work with other organizations in helping to restore the National and University Library of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and its services; and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the following: Secretary of State, Secretary General of the United Nations, and the Director of the National and University Library of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

CD#18.6, Resolution in Support of Freedom of Expression and Human Rights at Zimbabwe International Book Fair: That the American Library Association commends the Zimbabwe International Book Fair for its stance in support of freedom of expression and human rights, as reflected in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations General Assembly; and that this resolution be forwarded to the Government of Zimbabwe and the Zimbabwe International Book Fair Trust.