

RESOLUTION AGAINST THE "NEW COLD WAR"

Whereas, the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) recognizes the potential dangers of a "New Cold War" and believes that any conflict between major powers could have catastrophic consequences for the global community; and

Whereas, SRRT advocates for policies that promote peace and cooperation between nations, such as increased diplomatic engagement, arms control agreements, and the promotion of free cross-cultural exchange and understanding; and

Whereas, SRRT opposes policies and practices that contribute to the escalation of tensions between nations, including military interventions, forms of economic coercion that undermine the living standards of entire populations, and rhetoric that demonizes other countries or cultures; and

Whereas, SRRT believes that libraries and cultural institutions have an important role to play in promoting peace and understanding between nations, and calls for increased support for international cultural exchange programs and initiatives that promote cross-cultural understanding, now therefore be it

Resolved, that SRRT urges the American Library Association (ALA) to call on the U.S. government and other major powers to prioritize diplomacy and cooperation in their foreign policies and work toward a more peaceful and egalitarian global community; and

Resolved, that SRRT urges ALA to call on all libraries to work for world peace, international cooperation, and cross-cultural exchanges appropriate to their local contexts; and

Resolved, that SRRT urges ALA to partner with organizations that are working towards similar goals, such as peace and disarmament groups, human rights organizations, and cultural exchange programs, to promote cross-cultural understanding and international solidarity within the library profession.

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