Resolution to establish a Committee on Freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression

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The IFLA Executive Board has reviewed the report of the Committee on Freedom of Access to information and Freedom of Expression (CAIFE) and recommends that it be accepted by the Council. The deliberations of the Committee, the Guest Lectures at the past two General Conferences and the interest shown by the membership in this topic suggest that IFLA establish some continuing mechanism to address this important area of activity.

Resolved, that the IFLA Council recommends that its Executive Board establish a Committee on freedom of Access to Information and Freedom of Expression that will advise IFLA on matters of international significance to libraries and librarianship in this area, including, but not limited to:

- Censorship of library materials
- Ideological, economic, political or religious pressures resulting in limitations on access to information in libraries, or restrictions on librarians and other information specialists who provide reference and other information services