

Dear President Barbara Lison and members of IFLA's Governing Board,

The undersigned, members of IFLA Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Division, hereby express the following:

In light of the recent events that have taken place at IFLA, such as the resignation of its President-Elect and Treasurer and the release of its Secretary General from his duties, we would like to express our concern about the lack of relevant information. A context of transparency about the current situation at IFLA can give us certainty and prevent speculation. Besides, we need this information to be circulated so that we can forward it to our colleagues, since we should not forget that we are a Division that represents IFLA in different countries and, as such, we are accountable for the communication of all sorts of events and activities.

Those of us who participate in this Division have committed to supporting the work of IFLA around the world, but this is a shared commitment. We also believe that, as information professionals, we should act consistently at all times and offer transparency and access to information to all of our peers in the region.

Certainty based on information prevents speculation. Hence, transparency, far from hindering processes, may improve understanding and strengthen our work within IFLA as a whole and not only within our own Regional Division.

Finally, we would like to recommend that all affiliates be allowed to participate virtually in the Assembly and that the Congress be held in the same manner as in the past, since it is strange to see that changes were made without informing the reasons for cancelling the Assembly at the Dublin Congress.

Because we are all part of IFLA, we want to state that the inclusion of the Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Division should take place at all levels, by sharing achievements and complex situations alike, as is the case presently.

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