Resolution supporting the introduction of a Public Lending Right in Switzerland

The International Federation of Reproduction Rights Organisation (IFRRO), at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2015 in Mexico City on 11 November 2015, bringing together representatives of 40 countries that already have Public Lending Right (PLR) systems or are actively seeking the establishment of one, notes that:

1. Public Lending Right (PLR) still does not exist in Switzerland

2. This represents a serious disadvantage for Swiss authors and other right holders from other countries whose works are lent out by libraries in Switzerland

3. This is not consistent with the traditional high level of protection granted to right holders by Swiss Law.

The IFRRO AGM 2015 therefore urges the Swiss Parliament and Government, as part of the ongoing review of copyright legislation in Switzerland, to introduce a Public Lending Right system.