



gradual but steady disappearance of European Union (EU) documentation were only one of many major issues addressed--and this is definitely an issue about which GODORT needs to be officially concerned and vocal. The European Information Association, for example, has shown very little interest in the preservation of EU information, for which U.S. EDC libraries might serve as permanent archival and access sites. In addition to the 9 or 10 librarians from EDC libraries in the United States who attended the Brussels meetings (conducted in English and French, with simultaneous translations), were attendees from the UK, France, Russia, and other EU member states. (The EU is making a point of sending people to EDC meetings, to build bridges between EDCs and other institutions, including American EDC libraries.) The EDC would like to make "Europe by Satellite," an electronic information service similar to C-SPAN, available to EDC librariesthey are working on this project with CNN. Also discussed was a "help-desk" service, to be made available to EDCs and European Information Centres. Visiting the European Parliament, Helen learned about various "Eurobases Initiatives," including the French-language "APC," a bill-tracking service for the Parliament for which EDC libraries may be able to receive one free password. Another initiative is a Windows interface for Eurobases, to replace a very "user-unfriendly" command language. EURO LIB PER, developed under the aegis of the European University Institute, is a database of EU libraries' holdings which may also come to function as a document delivery service. Helen also reported on her upcoming IFLA activities, including attendance at the meeting on "Access to Human Rights Documentation" in Beijing, starting August 27, 1996. GODORT member Al Kagan will moderate that program. Helen will make a presentation on human rights



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3. Alex Briels, of the United Nations, invited librarians to speak with the Head of the U.N. Library at the Workshop on Tuesday. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.