Kyoto Communiqué on Digital Libraries

We, the participants of the 2000 Kyoto International Conference on Digital Libraries have assembled in order to encourage progress towards the following five objectives:

1. To develop an information network to promote the cooperation and the exchange of ideas of concerning digital libraries.
2. To work towards universal interoperability standards for metadata to facilitate communication among digital libraries' creators and users.
3. To promote legal protection for fair and other lawful uses of copyrighted information in the digital environment (to no less an extent than that permitted by current legislation and international agreements) and to convey a statement to intellectual property organizations, agencies and publishers.
4. To encourage government entities and other organizations to strengthen financial support for digital libraries.
5. To conduct an intensive campaign to increase public awareness and use of digital libraries.

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