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TESOL Issues Statement Against Bullying

Alexandria, Virginia (March 2009) – At its recent meeting, the Board of Directors of Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), approved the association's position statement opposing bullying and harassment.

As the global association for English language educators, TESOL values individual language rights, collaboration in a global community, and respect for diversity and multiculturalism. In order to address issues of bullying and harassment, TESOL supports the development of educational practices to assist students and scholars experiencing bullying, harassment, and hate crimes, and to teach majority-group members the value of diversity and of the human and civil rights of minorities

TESOL's full *Position Statement Opposing Bullying, Harassment, and Hate Crimes* is available at www.tesol.org.

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Incorporated in 1966, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc. (TESOL), is a global association for English language teaching professionals headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, USA. TESOL encompasses a network of approximately 60,000 educators worldwide, consisting of more than 14,000 individual members and an additional 45,000 educators within the 100 plus TESOL affiliate associations. Representing a multifaceted academic discipline and profession, TESOL offers members serial publications, books, and electronic resources on current issues, ideas, and opportunities in the field of English language teaching. TESOL also conducts a variety of workshops and symposia, including an annual convention, regarded as the foremost professional development opportunity for English language educators worldwide. TESOL's mission is to develop and maintain professional expertise in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide.