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**BALANCING PROTECTION AGAINST INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AND THE
PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS**

Whereas: the National Council of Women of Canada and the International Council of Women, since their formations, have supported the civil and political rights of individuals, which has been demonstrated in many statements and resolutions; and

Whereas: the International Council of Women has on three occasions 1973, 1982 and 1986 adopted resolutions urging action against international terrorism; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as its policy that basic individual human, political and civil rights be protected and not curtailed except in cases of extreme danger as proclaimed as such by the Parliament of Canada to the safety of a community or country; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to ensure:

1. that basic individual human, political and civil rights not be curtailed except in cases of extreme danger proclaimed as such by the Parliament of Canada to the safety of a community or the country,
2. that provisions be put in place so that any necessary curtailment of basic individual human, political and civil rights be only for the limited period of the duration of the peril;
3. that the definition of terrorist activity be narrowed to exclude civil disobedience, including advocacy, protest, dissent or stoppage of work.