

**2002:07 ACCESS OF ADULTS TO YOUTH AND CHILDREN FOR SEXUAL PURPOSES VIA THE
INTERNET**

Whereas: pedophiles who depict children involved in pornographic acts circulate these materials widely on the Internet in their drive to lure young people into the sex trade by generating the impression that such behaviours are “normal”; and

Whereas: measures to combat online and offline child sexual abuse and exploitation, and assistance to victims of such abuse and exploitation, are sorely needed; therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy support for legal measures to prevent the circulation on the internet of pornographic materials involving children (under the age of 16) and Paedophile “grooming” activity; and be it further

RESOLVED: that the National Council of Women of Canada call upon the Government of Canada to seek further measures to prevent the circulation on the Internet of pornographic materials involving children and the luring of children through chat rooms, and all internet instant messaging services. These measures are:

1. public education and awareness programs targeted at children, youth and parents about cybersafety – the focus on teaching children how to get the most out of their surfing experiences, safely;
2. support for a cooperative approach with the provinces, territories and other countries to assemble and share a data base of children used in pornographic sites in order to track and assist such children;
3. supporting the regulation of Information Service Providers (ISP's) and enforcement of legal restrictions as outlined in Bill C15-A An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to amend other Acts;
4. establishing and promoting a method for people to report instances of child pornography and Internet luring;
5. encouraging provincial and territorial governments to ensure Police forces and social and health services across Canada have appropriate resources, and are trained and educated to deal with these crimes;
6. ensuring cooperation with international police forces on this matter.