

**2003.01E1      A FIFTH WORLD CONFERENCE FOR WOMEN**

**Whereas:**      the International Women's Year World Conference in Mexico City in 1975 was the first international conference that identified the obstacles that needed to be overcome to attain equal rights, opportunities and responsibilities for women; and

**Whereas:**      the Decade for Women, adopted by the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women for the period 1976 – 1986 continued the work of the International Women's Year; and

**Whereas:**      the Beijing Conference in 1995 showed that although progress had been made there was still a long way to go to achieve equality for women throughout the world; and

**Whereas:**      there is need to continue to move forward internationally on issues of equality for women and to measure the progress to date; therefore be it

**RESOLVED:**    that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy support in principle for the holding of a Fifth World Conference for Women; and be it further

**RESOLVED:**    that the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to support the holding of a Fifth World Conference for Women.