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GENDER AS AN IDENTIFIABLE GROUP IN THE CRIMINAL CODE

Whereas: the Criminal Code of Canada states that “Public Incitement of Hatred” and “Wilfully Promoting Hatred” against an identifiable group is an indictable offence; and

Whereas: the term “identifiable group” includes colour, race, religion, ethnic origin or sexual orientation, but does not include gender; and

Whereas: police departments report a significant number of hate crimes based on gender; therefore be it

Resolved: that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy that hate crimes based on gender be an indictable offence; and be it further

Resolved: that the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to include gender as an “identifiable group” in hate crime as set out in the Criminal Code of Canada.