

2010:03PU ELIMINATION OF COERCIVE, VIOLENT AND ABUSIVE PROSTITUTION

Whereas 1 the National Council of Women of Canada adopted as policy in 2001 “Prostitution and Trafficking in Women and Children”, reiterating NCWC policy (1983) that prostitutes should not be criminalized for soliciting except adults soliciting from minors; and

Whereas 2 prostitution is a form of male violence that sexually exploits women and children; and

Whereas 3 prostitution is a product of, and contributes to, gender inequality; and

Whereas 4 eradication of prostitution is necessary to achieving equality for all women; and

Whereas 5 prostitution is the leading cause of the domestic and global human trafficking of women and youth; therefore be it

Resolved 1 that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as further policy that prostitution involving coercion and/or abuse be eliminated; and be it further

Resolved 2 that the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Federal, Provincial, Territorial and Municipal governments of Canada:

- a. to provide a full range of social and economic services and support systems, to ensure that prostitutes have realistic options to exit prostitution, and
- b. to eliminate the procurement of prostitution, wherever it may occur, including through the internet or other electronic means, without criminalizing prostitutes.