

2016.07 UPDATED AND ADEQUATELY-FUNDED NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY

Whereas #1 more than 30 years after the first case was diagnosed, HIV/AIDS is still with us and despite progress in both prevention and treatment, it remains a serious cause of morbidity, mortality and economic and social disruption; and

Whereas #2 currently, there is neither a cure for AIDS nor a vaccine to prevent new infections; and

Whereas #3 a 2005 Canada-wide consultation with all sectors of the HIV/AIDS community involved in AIDS prevention, treatment and community support, developed a national 'Leading Together' strategy, which was updated in 2013; and

Whereas #4 the Government of Canada's HIV/AIDS strategy is now more than a decade old, is not informed by the most recent scientific breakthroughs, and has never been adequately funded; therefore be it

Resolved #1 that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) adopt as policy support for an updated and adequately funded Federal strategy on HIV/AIDS; and be it further

Resolved #2 that NCWC urge the Government of Canada to:

a. update its HIV/AIDS strategy, building on the 2013 Leading Together Strategy, using the latest scientific research b. provide adequate funding for front-line services, education and programs that offer HIV/AIDS prevention and provide care, treatment and support to people living with HIV/AIDS and their families and communities.