

## 75.5 United Nations World Population and Food Conferences

A.

Whereas, The United Nations World Population Conference, the first global meeting on population issues to be held at the government level, concluded in Bucharest on August 30th with the approval of a World Plan of Action;

Whereas, The Plan was weakened in its final form by the elimination of a definite target date of 1985, to which all participating countries should work; and,

Whereas, Population control is a necessary part of any global plan for a just distribution of the world's food supply and the prevention of overwhelming famine; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to support the Plan of Action of the United Nations World Population Conference, Bucharest, August 1974, and work toward its implementation

in Canada by the target date 1975; and,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada request the Government of Canada to urge all participating countries to work toward the 1985 target date.

B.

Whereas, The world is in the midst of a food crisis due to global socio-economic conditions in which many millions are suffering from chronic hunger and malnutrition;

Whereas, In addition, there are constantly recurring crisis due to natural disasters in which millions more are deprived of

even the marginal amount of food needed for survival; and,

Whereas, At the United Nations Food Conference in Rome, November 5 to 16, 1974, decisions were reached:

1. To create an agricultural development fund to assist countries to become more self-sufficient that are now

too heavily dependent on food imports; and,

2. To found a ministerial-level world food council to coordinate and distribute world stockpiles of grain and

other food-oriented commodities in order to quickly ward off famine wherever it is threatened; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to support the recommendations

of the United Nations Conference on Food in Rome, November 5 to 16, 1974, and actively work toward the

implementation of their purpose, both within Canada and throughout the world.