

86.16EM Emergency Resolution: Legalization of the Drug, Depo-Provera

Whereas, The Government of Canada plans to legalize the use of the drug Depo-Provera as a contraceptive without adequate long-term testing;

Whereas, The United States Food and Drug Administration has refused on two separate occasions to legalize the drug

Depo-Provera as a contraceptive;

Whereas, The risk in long-term usage of certain progestin is unknown, and at best, suspect; and,

Whereas, The side effects of this drug are many and varied, such as:

1. Menstrual cycle disturbance;
2. Masculinizing effects; and
3. Altering of the carbohydrate metabolism; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That The National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada not to approve the use of the

drug Depo-Provera as a contraceptive until well-documented long-term, independent studies have resolved the

major concerns about its use.