

90.7 Improving Human Rights Commissions

Whereas, Human Rights Commissions are perceived to be not as effective as they were intended to be; and,

Whereas, The length of time required by the Human Rights Commission to process a case makes it expensive and

discouraging to the client; and,

Whereas, Each case must work through the same process regardless of the outcome of a similar, preceding case; therefore

be it,

RESOLVED, That The National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to:

1. Appoint persons to the Canadian Human Rights Commission through an open procedure with clear

selection criteria, who have expertise and competence in the human rights area and who are perceived

to be committed to Human Rights;

2. Provide the human and fiscal resources to speed up the process of complaint resolution;

3. Ensure that the Canadian Human Rights Commission plays a more pro-active role in laying complaints

and pursuing cases as they have the authority to do;

4. Ensure that the settlement of a human rights complaint addresses the overall issue of systems discrimination

against a category of persons; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That The National Council of Women of Canada urge the Provincial Councils of Women to press for similar

improvements in the Human Rights Commission in their province.