

92.4 Contempt Proceedings

Whereas, Financial circumstance, lack of practical and psychological support, as well as the dynamics of the abuse often make abused women reluctant witnesses in prosecutions against their abusers; and, Whereas, This reluctance has caused some women to be cited for contempt of court; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That The National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to work with provincial governments to adopt a common policy of recognizing the factors which make women reluctant to testify and that contempt of court proceedings be used only in exceptional cases.