

### 93.1 Water, Free Trade and NAFTA

[Whereas,] Rationale:

It is essential that Canadian sovereignty be maintained over our domestic water resources; this is fundamental, and crucial to the national ecological integrity and security, and to the sustainable development of Canada's agricultural sector and many other sectors which depend upon water in its natural quality and quantity, such as fisheries, forestry, wild life, domestic and industrial supply, power generation and tourism.

The Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement specifically endorses "national treatment" in relation to trade of certain goods between

Canada and the United States and provides no words in the Agreement itself to limit the terms as they relate to the inclusion of non-energy pipeline operations in the Services Chapter, indicating that water exports are again on the table.

[RESOLVED,] That The National Council of Women of Canada urges the Government of Canada to:

1. Resolve at the earliest opportunity the uncertainty surrounding the issues of water in the Free Trade Agreement (FTA), through the execution of a separate and binding joint diplomatic agreement; and,
  2. Prohibit all water related commitments except the sale of bottled water in containers of 5 litres or less in size,
- under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).