

## **95.2 Support for Programme of Action of International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD)**

Whereas, The 1994 Cairo International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) resulted in a program of action

which was agreed to by 180 countries, including Canada; and,

Whereas, By agreeing to the document, countries have committed themselves to, among other things, ensuring equal

educational opportunities for girls, paying more attention to the reproductive health needs of adolescents and

improving access and availability of health care, including reproductive health care services for all; and,

Whereas, The ICPD recognized that social and economic development is central to achieving a balance between the number

of people on earth and their demands on the world's ecosystems and that the key to such development involves

the empowerment of women through education, income generation and improved health services; therefore be

it,

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

1. Mobilize resources for the guarantee of reproductive rights for women in Canada, and to work with other countries to guarantee the same rights to women everywhere, including access to reliable information, quality health care services and family planning aids; and,

2. Concentrate its Overseas Development aid, where applicable, on programs which involve the participation of women in receiving countries and which are directed at improving women's political, social economic and health status; and,

3. Urge the UN to provide regular reviews of the implementation of ICPD Plan of action; and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the NCWC urge the International Council of Women (ICW) to urge its member Councils to mobilize

resources for the guarantee of reproductive rights for women, and to work with other countries to guarantee

the same rights to women everywhere, including access to reliable information, quality health care services

and family planning aids.