

99.2 AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR HUMANITARIAN AID

Whereas, The needs of civilians for food and medicine in war-torn countries or in countries under economic sanctions are

not being met by the international community; and

Whereas, Neither ignoring the situation nor applying across-the-board sanctions is a viable or humane solution; and

Whereas, The United Nations High Commission of Refugees is limited in what it is able to do to bring relief to such people;

and

Whereas, It is difficult to enforce a UN convention, but such conventions all to the weight of statements made to the Security

Council; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the National Council of Women of Canada (NCWC) urge the Government of Canada to support the

establishment of an International Convention for Humanitarian Aid that:

1. Ensures that food, medicine and aid will be exempt from economic sanctions; and
2. Ensures fair distribution of food, medicine and aid through international distribution to states and to all warring factions; and
3. Ensures that states, organizations and individuals which arm the offending parties be themselves subject to the International Criminal Court; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the NCWC urge the International Council of Women (ICW) to:

1. Support the establishment of an International Convention for Humanitarian Aid; and
2. Request the ICW permanent representatives to the United Nations to work toward a global movement for the establishment of an International Convention of Humanitarian Aid; and
3. Request its member National Councils to call upon their governments to support the establishment

of an International Convention for Humanitarian Aid.