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Draft Resolutions for Comment

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- # 1 Chrysotile Asbestos and Canada's Responsibility in the International Trade of Hazardous Substances
- #2 The Funding of Aboriginal Education
- #3 Mobilizing The Will to Intervene – W2I
- #4 Prostitution of Women and Children
- #5 Protecting Canadians from health hazards associated with exposure to Electro-magnetic fields from high voltage overhead power lines

PUBLIC POLICY OF ANOTHER ORGANIZATION

- #1 United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1820, 1882, 1888 and 1889 on Peace and Security

BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND REFERENCES

All URLs were confirmed as of February 4, 2010. By the time, this has been forwarded to you, the links may not be working. **Copy and paste them into your browser.**

Please note that a number of these electronic publications are in PDF format. You will require a PDF reader which can be downloaded for free from <http://get.adobe.com/reader>

POLICY RESOLUTIONS 2010

CFUW is a grass-roots organization which advocates on issues of concern based on policy approved by the membership through the resolutions process. Policy resolutions are developed by Clubs or National Committees to respond to these concerns regarding public policy. The subsequent adopted policy resolutions form the framework for action and advocacy

How do we use these policy resolutions?

To provide an opportunity for our members to learn about an issue

The process of presenting a resolution to Clubs across the country brings awareness to the issue. Our organization reaches from sea-to-sea, a very impressive reach.

To provide direction for our organization so that we are

Proactive

This is usually the first step after a resolution has been passed, expressing our own concerns to governments and others by:

- contacting elected officials after the policy resolutions have been passed and
- using policy resolutions as the part of the annual briefs that go to Governments about our concerns.

Reactive

This has become **the most important use** of policy resolutions, when Clubs and the provincial and national levels of our organization can:

- react to the government's agenda, its consultations and legislation
- react to problems within our communities
- take action using our bank of policy

To collaborate with other organizations with similar concerns

Studying these resolutions

It's now up to the Clubs to study and analyze these draft resolutions, culminating in proposed amendments or perhaps even rejections.

Suggestions for study:

1. Some **questions**:

Do you feel that the resolution reflects the purposes and interests of CFUW?

Is it useful?

Will it stand the test of time?

Does it reflect a national or international problem?

Please don't confuse national and federal, many provincial responsibilities have created national concerns.

Is the Background well-researched?

Are the Background, Bibliography and References accurate and up-to-date?

Is the resolution the logical conclusion of a complete study of the topic?

Are there sources available that call into question their goal, as expressed in the resolution?

2. Doing a **Google search** will bring to your attention other research, controversies, facts and information that the proposers could not cover within 4 pages. The question to ask is – does this support or call into question the resolution?
3. Do **read the Resolution** itself carefully as this is what is voted upon.
The resolution as adopted becomes part of CFUW policy and is archived for future reference in the *Policy Book Online*, www.cfuw.org .
4. Do **check out the Bibliography and References**. Do the references actually say what is implied in the Background?

Public policy of other organizations

This year we are including as part of the Resolutions package a request from the CFUW International Relations Committee to adopt as policy four resolutions concerning women and children in peace and war from the United Nations.

As you can see from the CFUW Standing Rules (www.cfuw.org) copied below, no amendments will be allowed concerning another organization's policy. The vote is a simple yes-or-no at the AGM.

CFUW Standing Rules

Rule D.11 Director of Resolutions

- 11.8 The procedure for presentation of public policy of other organizations for consideration at a CFUW AGM, and adoption as CFUW policy shall be as follows:
 - 11.8.1 Such public policies, together with supporting documentation, shall be sent to the appropriate CFUW Standing Committee for study. After consideration, they shall make a recommendation to the Resolutions Committee by December 31st.

11.8.2 On the recommendation of the Standing Committee and subject to the powers outlined in 11.2, the Resolutions Committee shall include it with the CFUW proposed resolutions, to be forwarded by the Resolutions Committee to the Clubs, Regional Directors and members of the Board of Directors by February 15th.

11.8.3 **No amendments shall be permitted to such established, public policies of the organization.**

11.8.4 Such policy shall be presented to the CFUW Voting Body at an AGM following debate and voting on the regularly proposed and emergency resolutions.

The Club Amending Process:

Clubs are encouraged to submit amendments to the policy resolutions during this Club Amending Process as **these are the only amendments that will be accepted for discussion at the Annual General Meeting**

Amendments to Proposed Policy Resolutions Prior to the Annual General Meeting

An amendment must always be **germane** - that is, closely related to, or having bearing on, the subject of the motion to be amended. This means **no new subject can be introduced** under the pretext of being an amendment.

Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised. 10th edition, 2000

Your amendments may be accepted or rejected by the Resolution proposers.

- If it is accepted, it will be incorporated into the amended Resolution to be presented at the AGM.
- If it is not accepted, you may still bring your amendment forward at the Proposers and Amenders Lunch (PAL) held at the AGM and/or put it up for consideration when the resolution is discussed by the CFUW voting body.

Amendments and rejections received from the Clubs are placed online in early May.

The Resolution proposers are obliged to notify you by early June whether or not your amendment has been accepted.

The draft amended Resolution will be sent to Clubs and placed online in early June. This will also be printed in English and French in the Annual General Meeting booklet.

Amendment Procedure

Following our Standing Rules, the only amendments that may be brought forward at the AGM are those that have been proposed during this Club Amending Process.

Study the Resolutions carefully. (See Studying the Resolutions above.) After reviewing them, if you consider making an amendment, follow the procedure below.

For each Resolution, please submit a separate **Resolution Amendment form**. Due to the number of amendments received by the Director of Resolutions, we encourage you to send these by email. Written amendments will be accepted, and will be forwarded to the proposers of the Resolutions, but only electronic amendments can be shown in the online document listing the amendments from the clubs.

To assist the proposers of the Resolutions and the Resolutions Committee, please follow the **format for the Resolution Amendments below**, using either Word or WordPerfect.

Simply **copy and paste** from 'Resolution number and title' to 'Rationale for amendment(s)' into your word processor and fill it out the document from there.

CFUW Policy Resolution Amendments 2009-2010

Resolution number and title:

Name of Club:

Contact Person: (Name, address, telephone, e-mail)

Amend clause number ... by:

Striking out the word or words, or

By inserting the word or words

The amended clause to read:

RESOLVED, That

Rationale for amendment (s):

The rest of the Resolutions process

The Amendments will be available online in mid-May. The draft Amended Resolutions will be available early June online

Annual General Meeting, July 15-18:

- Proposers and Amenders Luncheon
 - If your amendment had not been accepted, you may still bring your amendment forward at the Proposers and Amenders Lunch (PAL) to try in person to convince the proposers
- Resolutions discussion and vote on the floor of the AGM
 - The proposer will have two minutes at the beginning and end of the discussion
 - The amenders can put the rejected amendments to the floor. This new motion will require a mover and seconder.
 - Only amendments that were received during the Club Amending Process are accepted at the AGM.
 - Members may speak once to each motion. Each amendment is considered a new motion.
 - The debate concerning the public policy of another organization will occur after that of the regularly proposed and emergency resolutions.
- Resolutions require a vote of 2/3 of the voting delegates on the floor in order to be accepted.

After the AGM:

- Resolutions will be found in the Policy Book Online
Letters and the Brief on Resolutions will be sent to the Clubs for their advocacy use.