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Prepared for the CFUW AGM 2023

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CFUW 2023 Policy Session July 9, 2023

Presiding: Joy Hurst, National President
Co-Chair: Linda Sestock
Parliamentarian: Sheila Service
Tech Parliamentarian: Elizabeth Haynes

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5. Report of the Resolutions Committee 2023

Members: Margaret Therrien, Bilkies McKen, Monique Sirois-Kelly, Bonnie Jensen, Wendy Taylor and Chair, Grace Hollett. Consultant: Paige Inglis.

The Resolutions Committee followed the schedule set in September 2022 and published in the Committee's newly revised "Resolutions Information and Guidelines 2022-2023". They, along with Proposers and Clubs achieved each task noted below, either on time, or ahead of time.

- **September 22:** A Resolutions Workshop was held with Clubs on the resolution process. Panelists were the 2022 proposers and the Resolutions Committee.
- **By November 15, 2022,** six resolution intents had been received and by November 22nd were reviewed by the Committee, as per guidelines, and contacts made with proposers. Translation and publication in *Club Action News* followed.
- Proposers developed their full Resolutions and by February 9, 2023, six Resolutions were submitted containing Resolved Clauses, Background, Implementation, and Bibliography, under the following titles and naming the submitting Club or Committee and the Proposer.
 1. Archiving Select Policies I (CFUW Advocacy Committee, Margaret Therrien)
 2. Archiving Select Policies II (CFUW Advocacy Committee, Margaret Therrien)
 3. Immigration Detention in Canada (CFUW Halifax, Elaine Gunn)
 4. Towards a Comprehensive Maternal Death Prevention Strategy (CFUW Hamilton, Cathy McPherson)
 5. Treatment for Canadians Suffering from Chronic Lyme Disease and Other Tick-Borne Diseases (CFUW Perth and District, Shelley Ball)

6. Advancing Sustainable Development and Gender Equality through International Trade Agreements (International Relations Committee, Barbara DuMoulin)

- During February 9-23 the Resolutions Committee reviewed and provided written comments on the full text of the Resolutions, with consultations as required. This was followed by Proposers and their committees revising their Resolution and confirming hyperlinks and submitting the revised text for translation into French and an early publication date of March 1st. Clubs could then begin their proposed amendments following examination of the Resolutions in some detail. Amendments, as well as comments and suggestions came from Clubs across Canada and were taken seriously by Proposers who, subsequently, revised components of their Resolutions. By May 23, those Amending Clubs had received an emailed explanation of how Proposers had dealt with their amendments. Clubs joined in the Proposers and Amenders Workshop on May 30th to engage in the explanations and discussion of the proposed revised text. A final review by Proposers and Committee and the Resolutions for July 2023 were sent for translation and publication in *Club Action News*.
- A virtual practice for the Policy Session was held with Proposers and the Committee on June 29th. CFUW Parliamentarian, Elizabeth Haynes discussed parliamentary procedure, motions relating to the Policy Session.

Another virtual Resolutions workshop is scheduled for **September 28th, 2023 at 4 p.m. Eastern** to prepare for the 2023-2024 Resolutions. While time-lines may not change much, the newly developing communications plan for CFUW may offer more efficient opportunities for the work of this committee.

Proposed Resolutions for 2023

Resolution 1: Archiving Select CFUW Policies I
Proposer: CFUW Advocacy Standing Committee

Original wording	Amended Wording
<p>RESOLVED, That Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Clubs support the transfer of the following policies from the current online CFUW Policy Book to the online CFUW Archival Policy Book:</p>	<p>RESOLVED, That CFUW Clubs support the transfer of the following policies from the current online CFUW Policy Book to the online CFUW Archival Policy Book:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children – Redemption of Canada Savings Bonds for Minors - 1965

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4. Environment – Canadian Water: Large Scale Water Exports - 2000	5. Environment – Canadian Water: Sovereignty Over Resources - 1993
5. Environment – Canadian Water: Sovereignty Over Resources - 1993	6. Environment – Nurturing Global Co-operation and Mutual Trust - 1989
6. Environment – Nurturing Global Co-operation and Mutual Trust - 1989	7. Environment – Water Pollution – 1967
7. Environment – Water Pollution – 1967	8. Food and Food Security – Labeling of Genetically Engineered Foods - 1998
8. Food and Food Security – Labeling of Genetically Engineered Foods - 1988	9. Health – Prevention and the Treatment of Infertility - 1989
9. Health – Prevention and the Treatment of Infertility - 1989	10. Health Care System – Living Will - 1991
10. Health Care System – Living Will - 1991	11. Health Care System – Patent Drug Act - 1984
11. Health Care System – Patent Drug Act - 1984	12. Peace, Security and Trade – Antipersonnel Landmines - 1996
12. Peace, Security and Trade – Antipersonnel Landmines - 1996	13. Peace, Security and Trade – Antipersonnel Landmines – Moratorium – 1995
13. Peace, Security and Trade – Antipersonnel Landmines – Moratorium – 1995	14. Peace, Security and Trade – Low Level Test Flights Over Labrador - 1989
14. Peace, Security and Trade – Military Commodities - 1992	15. Peace, Security and Trade – Arms Race - 1984
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<p>16. Peace, Security and Trade – Arms Race - 1984</p> <p>17. United Nations – High Commissioner for Human Rights - 1968</p> <p>18. United Nations – Appointment of Qualified Women - 1966</p> <p>19. Violence and Exploitation – Pornography – Awareness - 1982</p> <p>20. Violence and Exploitation – Pornography – Definition, Enforcement and Advisory Services - 1982</p>	<p>17. United Nations – Appointment of Qualified Women - 1966</p> <p>18. Violence and Exploitation – Pornography – Awareness - 1982</p> <p>19. Violence and Exploitation – Pornography – Definition, Enforcement and Advisory Services - 1982</p> <p>Original list was unchanged except for the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changed date on policy #8 to 1998 (original wording stated 1988). • #14 Peace Security and Trade - Military Commodities – 1992 – This will remain in the Policy Book and will not be archived.
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Resolution 2: Archiving Select CFUW Policies II
Proposer: CFUW Advocacy Standing Committee

Final Wording
<p>There were no amendments to this resolution, the original list remains unchanged.</p> <p>RESOLVED, That CFUW Clubs support the transfer of the following policies from the current online CFUW Policy Book to the online CFUW Archival Policy Book:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finance and Pensions – Stay-at-Home Parenting - 1999 2. Finance and Pensions – Public Service Superannuation Act - 1991 3. Finance and Pensions – Registered Pension Account -1986 4. Finance and Pensions – Income Supplement Spouse’s Allowance - 1986

5. Finance and Pensions – Signing for Pensions - 1983
6. Finance and Pensions – Information About Pensions and Benefits - 1983
7. Finance and Pensions – Charitable Donations - 1980
8. Finance and Pensions – Old Age Security Act - 1978
9. Finance and Pensions – Family Unit for Taxation Purposes - 1968
10. Finance and Pensions – Tax Exemption of Housekeeper’s Wages - 1966
11. Justice and Legal System – Restoration of Court Challenges Program - 1992
12. Justice and Legal System – Family Court - 1978
13. Justice and Legal System – Young Offenders - 1978
14. Justice and Legal System – Young Offenders: Administrative Body - 1978
15. Justice and Legal System – Young Offenders: Application – Age - 1978
16. Justice and Legal System – Young Offenders: Cultural and Linguistic - 1978
17. Justice and Legal System – Young Offenders: Media Presence in Court - 1978
18. Justice and Legal System – Women’s Prison - 1978
19. Justice and Legal System – Hate Propaganda -1966
20. Justice and Legal System – Marriage Age - 1965
21. Justice and Legal System – Jury Duty - 1964
22. Justice and Legal System – Contraception and the Criminal Code – 1964
23. Justice and Legal System – Divorce/Separation - 1964

Resolution 3: Immigration Detention in Canada
Proposer: CFUW Halifax

Original wording	Amended Wording
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<p>RESOLVED, That Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Abolish the use of correctional facilities for the purpose of immigration detention and end provincial contracts with the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA). 2. Utilize alternate options of immigration monitoring. 3. Support the passage of Bill C-20, The Public Complaints and Review Commission Act 	<p>RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gradually phase out the use of correctional facilities for the purpose of the detention of immigrants taking into consideration public safety and security. 2. End the provincial and territorial contracts with the Canadian Border Services Agency (CBSA) for the purpose of the detention of immigrants in correctional facilities. 3. Collaborate among all levels of governments to develop, fund, and utilize alternative options of monitoring immigrants that treat them with dignity and respect. 4. Support the passage of Bill C-20, the Public Complaints and Review Commission Act or similar legislation.
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Resolution 4: Towards a Comprehensive Maternal Death Prevention Strategy
Proposer: CFUW Hamilton

Original wording	Amended Wording
<p>RESOLVED, that Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the federal government to work with the provinces/territories to establish a national system to collect and share consistent disaggregated data on maternal deaths (stripped of confidential</p>	<p>RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the federal government to work with the provinces/territories to establish a similar program to the UK MBRRACE (United Kingdom Mothers and Babies: Reducing Risk Through Audits and Confidential Enquiries) model to collect and analyze consistent disaggregated and</p>

<p>information) and close calls, with health care providers.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the provincial and territorial governments to promote enhanced education of health care providers and improved public education of patient populations as part of this initiative.</p>	<p>anonymized data about maternal deaths and close calls, and to share those data in confidential form with relevant groups (e.g. health care providers, policy makers, researchers, advocacy groups, members of the public).</p> <p>RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the federal, provincial, and territorial governments, along with the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada and the Canadian Association of Midwives, to work together on a comprehensive maternal death prevention strategy. This strategy would promote awareness and best practices among health care providers around risk factors (e.g., age, ethnicity, race, income, mental health issues, housing, education level, access to medical care), and enhance public education of patient populations.</p>
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Resolution 5: Treatment for Canadians Suffering from Chronic Lyme Disease and Other Tick-Borne Diseases
Proposer: CFUW Perth and District

Original wording	Amended Wording
<p>RESOLVED, That Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) strongly urge the federal government and all relevant provincial bodies (governments, public health agencies, medical associations, and colleges of physicians and surgeons) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize all 15 of the 2022 World Health Organization’s (WHO) ICD- 	<p>RESOLVED, That CFUW urge that the federal government and all relevant provincial bodies (governments, public health agencies, medical associations, and colleges of physicians and surgeons) to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize chronic Lyme disease as a treatable disease in

11, the medical diagnostic codes for chronic Lyme disease, and thus, recognize chronic Lyme as a **treatable** disease in Canada;

- **Provide access to treatment** for chronic Lyme (and other chronic tick-borne diseases) under our publicly-funded health care systems (e.g., OHIP, etc.) so that chronic Lyme disease patients do not have to pay out of pocket for medical care;
- **Employ the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS) *Diagnostic and Treatment Guidelines*** as the primary guidelines in the treatment of acute and chronic Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge medical schools across Canada to:

- Include comprehensive, evidence-based learning about Lyme disease and other tick-borne disease in their curriculum;
- Adopt the ILADS diagnostic and treatment guidelines as the primary, evidence-based approach to diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases;
- Educate medical doctors and other health practitioners to rely on a **clinical diagnosis** of Lyme disease as recommended by Health Canada.

Canada and accept the 2022 World Health Organization's (WHO) ICD-11 (International Classification of Diseases) medical diagnostic codes for chronic Lyme disease;

- **Provide access to treatment** under our publicly funded health care systems - a right enshrined under the federal Health Care Act - for Canadians suffering from chronic Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases so that they do not have to pay out of pocket for ongoing medical care.
- **Employ the International Lyme and Associated Diseases Society (ILADS) *Diagnostic and Treatment Guidelines*** (based on peer-review science) as the primary guidelines in the treatment of acute and chronic Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases.

RESOLVED, That CFUW urge Canadian medical schools to:

- Include comprehensive, evidence-based learning about Lyme disease and other tick-borne disease in their curriculum;
- Adopt the ILADS diagnostic and treatment guidelines as the primary, evidence-based approach to diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases;
- Educate medical doctors and other health practitioners to rely on a **clinical diagnosis** of acute Lyme

	disease as recommended by Health Canada.
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Resolution 6: Advancing sustainable development and gender equality through International Trade Agreements
Proposer: CFUW International Relations Committee

Original wording	Amended Wording
<p>RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the federal government to use international trade agreements as instruments to accelerate the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically; goal 3 good health and well-being, goal 4 quality education, goal 8 decent work and economic growth, goal 10 reduced inequalities and goal 12 responsible consumption and production.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the federal government to include women’s organizations in all aspects of developing and evaluating Canadian international trade agreements.</p> <p>RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the federal government to ensure that current and future international trade agreements are used as tools to maximize efforts to promote gender equality, food security and support sustainable economic development.</p>	<p>RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the Federal Government to ensure that international trade agreements and related policies are used as tools to maximize efforts to promote and thereby to reaffirm and accelerate achievement of the 2015 United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),</p> <p>RESOLVED, that CFUW urge the Federal Government to reaffirm its commitment to gender equality by consulting with civil society organizations in developing, monitoring and evaluating the gendered impacts of its international trade agreements.</p>

5.g. MOTION from the CFUW Resolutions Committee Chair

Motion to permit the Chair of Resolutions to make grammatical corrections.

