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## **RESOLUTIONS FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE FEDERATED ASSOCIATIONS**

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### **70.1 Central Information and Referral Services**

**Whereas,** The public is entitled to have ready access to information with respect to the services offered by all levels of government; and,

**Whereas,** Such information can be provided most efficiently and effectively at the local level and under a coordinated authority; and,

**Whereas,** A coordinating Central Information Service in a community leads to efficient and economical procuring of services to those in need of them; therefore:

**RESOLVED,** That the National Council of Women of Canada request the Government of Canada to participate in and give financial support to Central Information and Referral Services administered locally under the joint auspices of the municipal, provincial and federal governments and Para-public and private non-profit agencies.

### **70.2 Purchase of Prison Services for Women**

**Whereas,** The Report of the Canadian Committee on Corrections recommends that "Arrangements for purchase of prison services for women be made between the Government of Canada and the various provinces so that a unified service could be provided in each area and that the Government of Canada offer to purchase services from the larger provinces and to provide regional services that could be purchased by small provinces"; and,

**Whereas,** There is marked divergence provincially in the structure and maintenance of designated buildings, in staff qualifications, and in general operation of correction centers in respect to treatment within the centre and to aspects of after-care treatment; and,

**Whereas,** It has been established on inspection that all the buildings used for correctional purposes do not comply with basic sanitation and health requirements; therefore:

**RESOLVED,** That the National Council of Women of Canada request the Government of Canada to implement the recommendations of the Report of the Canadian Committee on Corrections that "Arrangements for purchase of prison services for women be made between the Government of Canada and the various provinces so that a unified service could be provided in each area and that the Government of Canada offer to purchase services from the larger provinces and to provide regional services that could be purchased by small provinces"; and,

**RESOLVED,** That the National Council of Women of Canada request the Government of Canada to negotiate with the provinces to bring buildings and services to an acceptable standard before the purchase of prison services for women, and, after purchase, to keep the standards under constant revision in accordance with the findings of penal research.

### **70.3 Appointment of Senior Officer Responsible for Treatment of Women Offenders**

**Whereas,** The Report of the Canadian Committee on Corrections recommends the appointment of a senior officer within the Department of the Solicitor General to be charged with responsibility for the treatment of women offenders; therefore:

**RESOLVED,** That the National Council of Women of Canada request the Government of Canada:

1. To implement immediately the recommendation of the Report of the Canadian Committee on Corrections that "progress in the treatment of women offenders throughout Canada, and the development of appropriate services would be advanced by the appointment of a senior officer within the Department of the Solicitor General".

2. In their selection of such a senior officer to consider the appointment of a suitably qualified woman.

#### **70.4 Taxation of Income Below the Poverty Level**

**Whereas,** The basic exemptions under the Income Tax Act have not been increased to take into account the increased cost of living which has resulted from inflation; and,

**Whereas,** The income of persons below the poverty level as defined by the Economic Council of Canada are in many cases subject to taxation; therefore:

**RESOLVED,** That the National Council of Women of Canada request the Government of Canada to amend the Income Tax Act so that the incomes of persons below the minimum poverty levels as defined by the Economic Council of Canada shall be exempt from taxation.

#### **70.5 Approval of CRTC Announced Policy**

**Whereas,** In a Public Announcement on December 3, 1969, The Canadian Radio-Television Commission stated that it "will not license broadcasting receiving undertakings (CATV) based on the use of microwave or other technical systems, for the wholesale importation of programs from distant U.S. stations and thereby the enlargement of the Canadian audience and market areas of U.S. networks or stations"; and,

**Whereas,** The said Announcement also stated "The Canadian Broadcasting System is worth safeguarding only if it provides the Canadian population with essential services which could not be provided otherwise"; and,

**Whereas,** The said Announcement also stated "Canadians should not be denied access to the best material available from other countries"; therefore:

**RESOLVED,** That the National Council of Women of Canada approve the policy for the Improvement and Development of Canadian Broadcasting enunciated in the Public Announcement of the Canadian Radio-Television Commission on December 3, 1969; and,

**RESOLVED,** That the National Council of Women of Canada request the Canadian Radio-Television Commission to intensify its efforts to ensure that all Canadians have access to the best material available from other countries as well as from Canada.

#### **70.6 National Film Board**

**Whereas,** The National Film Board of Canada plays a leading role in the field of communications between the government and the people of Canada and has done excellent work in interpreting Canada to Canadians, and has won respect and recognition for Canada among other nations; and,

**Whereas,** The Government of Canada has inaugurated an austerity program with respect to the National Film Board of Canada, therefore:

**RESOLVED,** That the National Council of Women of Canada express to the Government of Canada its deep concern at the effect the austerity program may have on the existence and future development of the National Film Board of Canada and to ask that serious consideration be given to this.

### **RESOLUTIONS FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE FEDERATED ASSOCIATIONS**

#### **70.A Central Information and Referral Services**

**Whereas,** A co-coordinating central information and referral service in an community leads to efficient and economical procuring of services to those in need of them; and,

**Whereas,** Twenty-four hour information and referral services are required to meet the needs of the individual in crisis, therefore:

**RESOLVED,** That the National Council of Women of Canada request its Federated Associations to promote in their respective localities the establishing of Information and Referral Centers providing both telephone and visiting facilities on a twenty-four hour basis.

#### **70.B Incentive Earnings Under the Canada Assistance Plan**

**Whereas,** The preamble of the Canadian Assistance Plan, July 15, 1966, recognizes "that the provision of adequate assistance to and in respect of persons in need and the prevention and removal of the causes of poverty and dependence on public assistance are the concern of all the Canadians"; and,

**Whereas,** The provincial regulations governing eligibility for assistance under the Canada Assistance Plan may allow incentive earnings by the persons in need; therefore:

**RESOLVED,** That the National Council of Women of Canada affirm its belief that incentive earnings by persons in need are a

factor in the prevention and removal of the causes of poverty and dependence on public assistance; and,

**RESOLVED,** That the National Council of Women of Canada request its appropriate Federated Associations:

1. To inform themselves as to what their respective provincial regulations, if any, set forth with respect to incentive earnings under the Canada Assistance Plan; and,
2. Where required, request their Provincial Governments to pass regulations to allow incentive earnings by persons in need to levels not falling below the minimum current poverty levels, as defined by the Economic Council of Canada.