

**RESOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY
NATIONAL FEDERATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS
AND THE IFUW BOARD OF OFFICERS**

EDUCATION

1) RESOLUTION ON THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION
Proposed by the Australian Federation of University Women

The following resolution is submitted as a development of the 1992 resolution on the right of all people to education, based on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The 50th anniversary of this Declaration in 1998 is an opportune time to remind ourselves of IFUW's recognition that access to higher education depends upon the removal of social and economic hindrances.

The 26th Conference resolves:

- 1. to reaffirm the Resolution of the 24th Conference, that NFAs work towards the implementation of, and urge their respective governments to affirm and implement, the right of all people to education as asserted in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UN - 1948) and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (UN - 1966);**
- 2. to recommend to NFAs that they continue their efforts to overcome social and economic barriers to higher education and facilitate access to education for all people;**
- 3. to recommend to NFAs that they campaign to ensure that women are not further disadvantaged by changes to higher education systems which are driven by economic considerations, rather than by values appropriate to education and research.**

Supporting statement:

On the eve of the twenty-first Century, we face a future that is sure to be dominated by those with access to knowledge. Throughout the centuries, knowledge has been the preserve of the privileged few, but modern computer and communications technology have made possible an unparalleled dissemination of knowledge across the globe. As we face this future, however, many are concerned by the obstacles which are placed in the way of those seeking to gain access to knowledge, and to the technology with which it is increasingly associated. In this context, institutions of higher education and the ability to participate in them have become an arena of grave concern.