

4. *The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes the independence of the human family and the importance for a child's well-being of its place in its family, and imposes inter linking responsibilities on parents and on the State to ensure that each child's provision, protection and autonomy needs and rights are met. While the primary obligation to meet the child's needs is placed on the parents, the State should ensure that parents have the information, support and resources they require to ensure their child's optimal development. Detailed guidance for a positive child and family policy is available in the concluding observations of the Committee on the Rights of the Child; NZ (CRC/C/15/ADD71) Geneva; in the final report by the National Council for the International Year of the Family, Canberra (Cass 1994), Australian Government Publishing Service and from Boston, J. St. John, S., and Stephens, B. (1996) "The Quest for Social Responsibility"; Social Policy Journal of New Zealand 7, 2-16.*

6) **RESOLUTION ON TRAFFICKING AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

Proposed by the Canadian Federation of University Women and the Netherlands Association of Women Graduates (VVAO)

The 26th Conference resolves:

that NFAs:

- **urge their governments to support and implement the Declaration and Actions of the World Declaration Against Commercial Exploitation of Children, Stockholm, Sweden, 1996; and**
- **urge their governments to protect women and children from sexual exploitation by:**
 1. **implementing/enforcing laws prohibiting trafficking of women and children and enforced prostitution;**
 2. **developing and supporting educational and training programmes to raise women and children's awareness of how they can become victims of trafficking and enforced prostitution;**
 3. **implementing/enforcing laws prohibiting sex tourism to foreign countries;**
 4. **ensuring that work permits, if applicable, for foreign workers are not just shields for forced prostitution; and**
 5. **assisting those who unwillingly become victims of trafficking and prostitution.**

Supporting statement:

1. *The Platform For Action (PFA) from the 1995 Women's Conference in Beijing calls for action by Governments of countries of origin, transit and destination, regional and international organizations to adopt measures to eliminate trafficking in women and to assist victims of prostitution and trafficking (PFA*