



Organized Working Women

CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS GENERAL STATEMENT ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS

WHEREAS discrimination against women continues to be a fact of Canadian life;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Labour Congress adopt a programme:

- (1) to promote equal opportunity for both sexes and equal pay for work of equal value;
- (2) to organize women workers into unions and to encourage more women to take leading positions in the labour movement at all levels;
- (3) to call upon all affiliates to eliminate any discriminatory provisions in collective agreements and pension and welfare plans;
- (4) to establish maternity leave with full pay and benefits as a right;
- (5) to establish day care and day nurseries for every child as a right;
- (6) to pressure to have abortion removed from the Criminal Code and to insure that adequate medical facilities are available for performing abortion;
- (7) to end discrimination against unmarried mothers and their children;
- (8) to seek implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women;
- (9) to prepare for and take advantage of the United Nations' decision that 1975 will be International Women's Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers prepare a detailed report for the next convention on the activities and results flowing from the above program and the resolution adopted at the 1972 Convention.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers study the feasibility of hiring a co-ordinator for women's rights.