

### **Canadian Federation of University Women**

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#### Organization's mandate/goals:

Founded in 1919, The Canadian Federation of University Women, is a voluntary, non-profit, self-funded bilingual organization of over 10,000 women university graduates. CFUW members are active in public affairs, working to raise the social, economic and legal status of women, as well as to improve education, the environment, peace, justice and human rights. The CFUW is part of the International Federation of University women, an NGO with UN Consultative Status.

#### Areas of expertise relevant to 2001 UN Conference on Small Arms:

Human and Social Development -- *Promoting Respect for Human Rights*

#### Developing and implementing controls on legal transfers and possession

The CFUW has been particularly focused on improving the regulation of small arms in order to reduce that misuse, particularly in the context of violence against women and children. The CFUW looks to foster a sense of responsibility and encourage women university graduates to place their educational and professional training at the service of the community in local, national and international fields.

#### Working with Vulnerable Groups – *Advocacy*

The CFUW is working to safeguard and improve the economic, legal and professional status of women.