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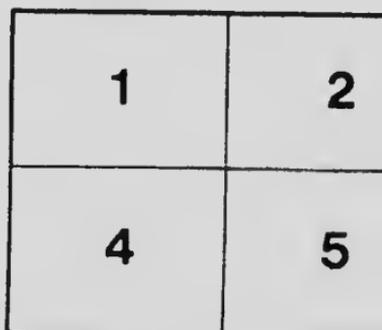
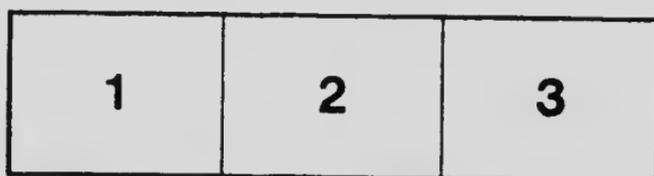
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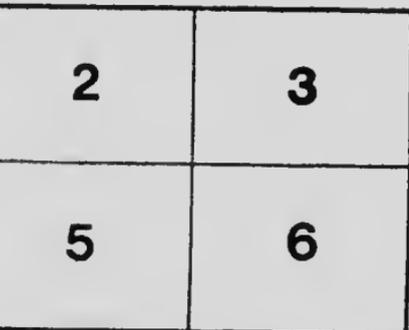
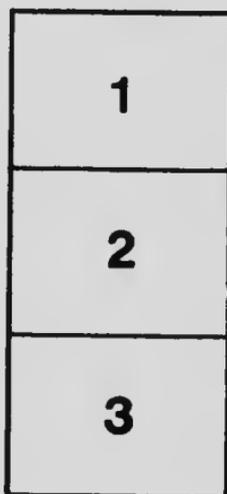
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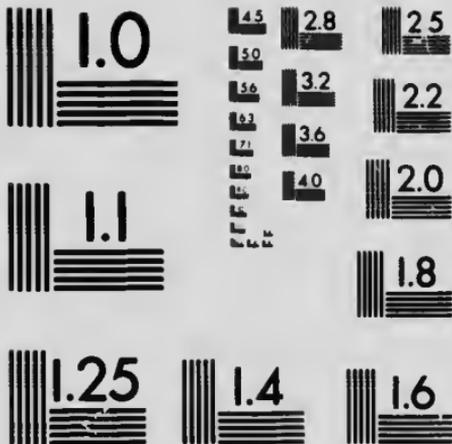
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# RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED AT

## The Quinquennial Council Meeting of the International Council of Women,

HELD AT

**TORONTO, CANADA,**

**June 18th to 25th, 1909.**

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### I.—Special Council Meeting in Geneva

The Report of the above Special Council Meeting having been submitted, together with the following Resolution:—

“That this special and fully constituted Council Meeting of the International Council of Women, having considered all the recommendations made to them by the Executive Committee, the Officers, and the National Councils for the revision of the Constitution and Standing Orders, do now adopt the Constitution and Standing Orders as amended, and decide that the Council do act according to the amended Constitution and Standing Orders during the forthcoming year, requesting the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of 1909 to confirm their action.”

It was unanimously resolved:—

“That the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Women do now confirm the action of the Special Council of Geneva, and hereby adopts the amended Constitution and Standing Orders as submitted.”

### II.—Treasurer's Report.

“That the Treasurer's Report be adopted, with best thanks for her excellent work.”

### III.—Hon. Vice-President for New Zealand.

“That Mrs. Sheppard be appointed Hon. Vice-President for New Zealand.”

**IV.—Hon. Vice-Presidents for Turkey and Egypt.**

“That Selma Hanum, sister of Ahmed Riza be invited to become Hon. Vice-President for Turkey.

“That a message be sent thanking Mrs. Ellen Hopkins for her work on behalf of the International Council of Women in Egypt and asking her to continue the same, and, if possible, name a native lady who would act as Hon. Vice-President for Egypt.”

**V.—Invitation from Argentine National Council of Women to attend Congress of Women in May 1910 to celebrate Centennial of the Independence of the Argentine Republic.**

“That the International Council of Women thank the Argentine National Council of Women for their invitation, and hope to be able to send a delegation to attend their Congress in 1910.”

**VI.—Quinquennial and Life Patrons and Quinquennial Patrons and Contributors.**

“That the following ladies names be approved as Life Patrons and Quinquennial Patrons” :—

*Life Patrons*—Fru Ekman (Sweden); Mrs. Bovey (Canada), and Fraulein Helene Lange (Germany).

*Quinquennial Patrons or Contributors*—Mrs. Edwin Gray, Dr. Mary Murdoch, Miss Olga Hertz, Mrs. Forbes of Rothiemay, Mrs. Veitch, Mrs. Symes Thompson, Miss Blackie, Mrs. Muff (Great Britain and Ireland); Fröken Muller (Denmark), Countess Ruuth (Sweden), Mrs. E. B. Wells, Mrs. Young Gates (U.S.A.), and Miss Krajner (Hungary).

**VII.—Report of Corresponding Secretary.**

“That the Report submitted by the Corresponding Secretary be adopted, coupled with grateful thanks for the invaluable work done by Mrs. Ogilvie Gordon during the last five years.”

Carried by Acclamation.

**VIII.—Report of Finance Committee.**

“That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.”

### IX.—Report of Press Committee.

“That the Report of the Press Committee be received and referred to the Executive.”

NOTE.—Unavoidable circumstances had prevented the Report being submitted to the Executive, and by the Standing Orders, all Committee Reports must be placed before the Executive before going to the Council.

### X.—Report of the Committee on Laws.

“That the Report of the Committee on Laws, including its projected scheme of work, be adopted, together with the recommendation made by the Executive, that each National Council be asked to prepare a digest of the laws concerning women and children in their respective countries, and that a bibliography be added stating the sources of the information.”

### XI.—Report of the Committee on Suffrage and Rights of Citizenship.

“That the Historical Report of the Committee on Suffrage and Rights of Citizenship be adopted.”

NOTE.—In connection with the discussion on this Report a letter from Lady McLaren was laid before the Council asking the co-operation of the International Council of Women with the International Women's Suffrage Alliance in framing a Women's Charter, and the following Resolution was introduced by the desire of the Executive, and unanimously adopted:—

“That each National Council be asked to prepare a Report of the existing unequal laws in their respective countries which deal with the relations of women in the Home, the Family, the Municipality, and the State, and that the National Reports should then be combined as an International Report on the same lines as the newly published report on “Health of the Nations,” special attention being paid to simple wording of the various reports, so that they may be easily intelligible to all classes of the people, and that the further recommendation of the Executive that the complete International Report be presented to the various Governments, accompanied by a letter from the Official Board of the I.C.W. drawing the attention of the Governments to the need for betterment of many of these laws, and the desirability of women taking part in the deliberations equally with men on such laws, the International Council basing its support of Women's Suffrage upon the facts shown in the Reports submitted.”

NOTE.—This Resolution having been adopted in connection with the Report of the Committee on

Suffrage Reports, the President pointed out that the work of drawing up the Reports on the Laws of each Country would be entrusted to the Laws' Committee, who had, themselves, recommended a project on similar lines.

"That the International Council of Women re-affirms its earnest desire that the right of voting be given to women in all countries where representative Governments exist."

## XII.—Equal Moral Standard and Traffic in Women

- (a) "That the name of the Standing Committee on White Slave Traffic and Equal Moral Standard should read Equal Moral Standard and Traffic in Women."
- (b) "The experience of various organisations working for the suppression of the Traffic in Women having proved that this nefarious traffic is most widely carried on in those countries where Governments have not enacted active measures for its repression and ultimate suppression, this meeting of the I.C.W. urges all National Councils—
- (1) to ascertain what measures of the character referred to exist in their respective countries, and
  - (2) to assist in the enforcement of those that already exist;
  - (3) to take all possible steps to secure enactments of similar laws in countries where they have not yet been adopted."

## XIII.—Report of the Peace and Arbitration Committee.

That the Report of the Peace and Arbitration Committee be adopted, the following resolutions being embodied after being duly moved and seconded:—

- (1). "That we the delegates of the International Council of Women do re-affirm at this Quinquennial Session of 1909, our allegiance to the principles of peaceful and just settlement of all differences between individuals and nations, and hereby make an earnest appeal to all women of every land to aid in realizing this ideal in such forms of effort and such sequence of action as their local conditions make practicable."
- (2). "For the maintenance and extension of these principles the International Council of Women recommends the following methods of work:—
- (a) "That each National Council seek representation in National and International Congresses for Peace held within its own country it always being understood

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that work undertaken by members of any National Council in any country shall be in strict conformity with the instruction and wishes of the National Council of that country."

- (b) "Inasmuch as it will be determined in 1913 what subjects will be discussed at the Third Hague Conference in 1915, upon which stupendous interests affecting the whole world depend, and inasmuch as the creation of substitutes for war and armaments is most inadequately understood, the International Council of Women desires to urge specific study of these questions, and empowers the Standing Committee on Peace and Arbitration to ask each National Council to supply an outline of study with brief bibliography in its own language, and to have it widely published.
- (c) "The International Council of Women recommends the National Councils to promote the observance of annual Peace Days by Schools, Universities, and Churches, and holding of the special Assemblies and Festivals, in the interests of pacific methods of settlement of differences."

*Apart from the Report of the Standing Committee on Peace and Arbitration, the following Resolution in support of its principles was also passed:—*

"The International Council of Women urges all National Councils to promote the use of such text-books and reading-books in schools as will present historical facts with the least possible bias, and to endeavour to arouse a living interest in the modern methods of peaceably settling international difficulties."

#### XIV.—Applications for Affiliation.

"That an Advisory Board be instituted to which applications for affiliation from countries forming new National Councils may be referred by the Executive, and that this Board consist of seven members and that the General Officers be the Board."

NOTE.—It was agreed that the mode of proceeding in regard to applications would be as follows:—

"The applications would be sent to the Corresponding Secretary, who would consult with the President. Then it would be laid before a meeting of Officers, and then brought before the Executive, who alone have power of ultimate decision."

**XV.—Letters to Absent Councils**

"That special letters of regret at the enforced absence of delegates from the National Councils of France, Switzerland, Argentina, Bulgaria and Greece, be sent to these Councils."

**XVI. Transactions of Quinquennial Period of 1904-1909.**

"That Mrs. Sewall be thanked for her labours in preparing the Report of the 3rd Quinquennial term and Council of the Meeting, at Berlin, and that at the same time the Council do express their warm sympathy in the trouble she has had to bear and their best congratulations on her restoration to health."

**XVII. Transactions of Fourth Quinquennial Period.**

"That the Transactions of the present quinquennial meeting should consist of a short review of the last five years and a full report of all meetings, including the evening meetings that have taken place at Toronto, that the President be appointed Editor, and that a sum of £200 be set aside for the printing, and that it be left to the President to settle the selling price of the volumes."

**XVIII. Place of Meeting for the next Quinquennial Council and for the two Intervening Executive & Committee Meetings.**

It was decided by vote to accept with grateful thanks the invitation from the National Council of Women of Italy to hold the Quinquennial Meeting of 1914 in Rome, and the invitations from Sweden and the Netherlands to hold the two Executive Committees at Stockholm in 1911, and at the Hague in 1913.

The grateful thanks of the Council were tendered to the National Council of France, Norway, and Australia who had likewise sent very cordial invitations. In the case of Australia it was decided to tell the delegates that if the Councils in Australia decided on convening an International Conference of Women under their own management, that the Executive would do all in their power to promote the success of such a gathering, and would try to persuade the different Councils to send representatives.

**XIX. Study of Questions Concerning Children.**

"That the International Council of Women request National Councils during the quinquennial period 1909-14, to devote a large share of their attention to questions concerning children, and to hold special discussions on such questions at the next Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Women."

**XX. Standing Committee on Public Health.**

"That a Standing Committee on Public Health be formed by the International Council, and that the National Councils who have not already Health Sections be recommended to adopt a similar course."

**XXI. Standing Committee on Education.**

"That a Standing Committee on Education be formed by the International Council, and that the National Councils who have not already an Education Section be recommended to adopt a similar course."

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"The influence of the National Councils is desired not only in facilitating international interchange and discussion in regard to Education, but also for the promotion of special objects within each country, such as the scientific and practical teaching of domestic subjects to girls of all classes and the foundation of a National system of Educational information and Employment bureaux under public authority and connected with the schools."

**XXII. Public Work of Women.**

"That the International Council of Women is of opinion that the National Councils of Women should strenuously endeavour to place women members on those public boards or bodies whose membership is already open to women, and to secure the inclusion of women on all other authorities or special Commissions dealing with Public Work."

**XXIII. Protection of Birds.**

"The International Council of Women strongly recommends all National Councils of Women to consider what action can be taken to discourage the destruction of harmless and beautiful birds, to secure the stricter observation of close times, and to develop a healthier public sentiment in regard to those wanton forms of sport which involve cruelty to birds or other animals, and needless wastage of life."

**XXIV. Reduction of Postal and Reply Rates.**

"That the International Council of Women do apply to the Bureau of the Universal Postal Union, asking them to reduce the postage, and introduce some simple form for 'answer prepaid'; and that every National Council be asked to use their influence with their respective Governments to the same effect."

**XXV. Information Bureaux.**

- (1) "That a list of existing Information Bureaux be furnished by each National Council to the Corresponding Secretary and be kept up to date by her.
- (2) "That only simple statements of fact be furnished gratis and that elaborate inquiries requiring time and trouble to answer be paid for by arrangement to cover cost."
- (3) "That any National Council may sanction any affiliated society to make inquiries during a Quinquennial Period, such sanction to be officially notified to the Corresponding Secretary of the I.C.W. at the beginning of each Quinquennial Period; but this is not to apply to individuals."

**XXVI. Emigration and Immigration Standing Committee.**

"That a Standing Committee or Emigration and Immigration be formed, not with the object of pushing emigration, but to safeguard emigrants, especially women and children."

**XXVII. -Appointment of Conveners of Standing Committees:—**

"That the following ladies be appointed Conveners of the nine Standing Committees:—

Finance—Mrs. Willoughby Cummings.

Press—Mejuffrone Jolinn Naber.

Peace and Arbitration—Mrs. May Wright Sewall.

Laws concerning the Legal position of Women—  
Mme. d'Abbadie d'Arrast.

Women's Suffrage and Rights of Citizenship—Rev  
Dr. Anna Shaw.

Equal Moral Standard and Traffic in Women—Mme.  
Avril de Ste. Croix.

Public Health—H. E. The Countess of Aberdeen.

Education—Mrs. Oglivie Gordon, D.Sc., Ph D., F.L.S.

Emigration and Immigration—Contessa Danielli  
Camozzi.

**XXVIII. Allowance to Conveners of Standing Committees.**

"That an allowance not exceeding 30s. per annum, be made to the Conveners of the Standing Committees, to cover necessary outlays on stationery and postage."



