

Ratification on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women - 1991

In December 1979, the United Nations adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the culmination of thirty years of work by the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. The United States, which was active in drafting the convention and became a signatory in 1980, has yet to ratify it.

The Board of Directors of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods supports the ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women by all member nations.

We call specifically upon the United States Senate to:

- 1) End eleven years of inaction;
- 2) Hold full Foreign Relations Committee hearings on the convention, to be followed by the submission of a report and recommendation for passage; and
- 3) Vote in favor of this convention by the requisite minimum two-thirds majority.

We then call upon the President of the United States to sign this treaty into law.

Further:

- 1) We commend the 105 nations of the world, including Canada, that have to date ratified this convention; and
- 2) We urge our affiliates worldwide to work for the ratification of this treaty where such need exists.