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Conference Information No.5

Text of Resolutions and Recommendations, and call for Amendments

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Suggested Ammendments must be received by 26 October 2025.

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WHO IS THIS INFORMATION FOR?

Any ACWW Voting Member Society (Categories 1, 2, or 3).

WHEN WAS THIS DOCUMENT FIRST SENT TO MEMBERS?
15 July 2025

WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO SEND INFORMATION BACK TO ACWW?

Any amendments to proposed Resolutions or Recommendations must be received by **26 October 2025**, close of business London time, at ACWW Central Office. They can be sent by email to worldconference@acww.org.uk with a subject of "Amendment for Resolutions" or by post to ACWW, The Foundry, 17 Oval Way, London SE11 5RR, UK.

Please note that email is faster, cheaper, and better for the environment, and all emails received will get an auto-reply message to confirm their receipt.

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On behalf of the ACWW Board of Trustees, the Ad Hoc Resolutions and Recommendations Working Group has tremendous pleasure in presenting to Members the draft resolutions and recommendations that will be discussed at the Triennial World Conference in Ottawa in 2026.

We wish to particularly thank the many Members who submitted resolutions for consideration. 11 draft resolutions were received from Members, on a diverse range of topics. Congratulations to all involved in working to progress ACWW's policy position on these important issues!

As is our role, as provided for under the Constitution and Standing Orders, our Working Group has reviewed these resolutions and attempted to consolidate similar propositions, and, as appropriate, edit and revise resolutions and their rationales.

Some of the factors that have guided this process are our desire to:

- a) ensure no duplication of resolutions that ACWW has already enacted at previous conferences (while ensuring that attempts to further clarify or update ACWW's policy positions are included);
- b) clarify the specific role and expertise that ACWW adds to consideration of the issue at hand, including ensuring a focus on issues of interest to and that impact upon rural women;
- c) ensure resolutions are evidence-based and responsive to existing actions already being taken at international and national levels on the issues under consideration.

As a result of this extensive and detailed review by the Trustees:

- i) one resolution on environmentally sound alternatives to plastic was deemed to be duplicative of previous resolutions and will not be brought forward;
- (ii) one resolution on the regular review of ACWW resolutions was not included as it is addressed through a resolution proposed by the Board regarding a policy manifesto;
- (iii) two resolutions on digital harm and accessibilty of harmful digital content were merged into one; meaning that 8 Member-initiatied resolutions will be brought to the Conference.



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It is important to note that some of the resolutions received came from Area Conferences where they were proposed by Member Societies that are not currently members of ACWW. We wanted to honour the fact that these issues are of interest to ACWW members and so we have included these resolutions regardless of who originally proposed them (subject to the rationalisation explained above). You will see, therefore, that some of the resolutions will need the support of other Member Societies to propose and second them, in place of the original drafters.

The Board of Trustees has also undergone an extensive and thorough process of reviewing the Constitution and other governance documents, and proposes numerous resolutions to update and modernise these documents. To facilitate your ability to easily follow the proposed changes, we will provide, along with this document, "marked-up" copies of the Constitution and other governance documents, allowing you to see the proposed changes in the text.

To access these documents, please click on the relevant link below - which will take you to a page on ACWW's website with the file for you to read or download at your convenience.

Once again, we thank you for your efforts to ensure ACWW Members have the opportunity to consider important policy issues at the upcoming TWC in Ottawa!

If you or your Member Society has any questions or concerns regarding these draft Resolutions and Recommendations, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Chair of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Resolutions and Recommendations, Claire Mahon, at partnerships@acww.org.uk

The deadline for sending proposed Amendments to these Resolutions and Recommendations to Central Office is **26 October 2025**. Please send any proposed amendments to worldconference@acww.org.uk

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Links to documents held on ACWW's website are below.

They can also be found by visiting www.acww.org.uk/twc26-ottawa

PLEASE NOTE THAT WHEN YOU CLICK ON THE LINK YOU MAY NEED TO CONFIRM YOU WANT TO FOLLOW THE LINK OR OPEN THE DOCUMENT. THIS IS NORMAL AND OK TO DO SO.

- 1. Text of Proposed Resolutions and Recommendations for the 31st Triennial World Conference
- 2. ACWW's Constitution with marked-up ammendments proposed in the Resolutions
- 3. ACWW's Bye-Laws with marked-up ammendments proposed for ratification at 31st Triennial World Conference
- 4. ACWW's Standing Orders and Terms of Reference, for notification of Members
- 5. ACWW's Rules of Procedure with marked-up ammendments proposed for adoption at 31st Triennial World Conference
- 6. ACWW's Rules of Debate with marked-up ammendments proposed for adoption at 31st Triennial World Conference
- 7. ACWW's Glossary of Terms, showing amendments approved by the Board in 2025, for notification of Members