



WNDC Resolution

RATIFICATION OF TREATY FOR THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN URGED

BACKGROUND

The Woman's National Democratic Club has a long history of supporting the TREATY FOR THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN (officially, the Convention Against All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) since its inception in 1980 in the United Nations and signing by President Jimmy Carter. Despite its adoption by 185 members of the United Nations, CEDAW has never been given a chance in the US Senate for approval. In 1998, WNDC took action and sought hearings. More recently, the WNDC Global Women's Task Force led a coalition of like-minded organizations and obtained a DC Council resolution adopting CEDAW, as scores of American cities have done.

RESOLUTION

With an opportunity now to achieve endorsement and join the 173 countries that have adopted CEDAW,

WNDC urgently requests Senator Joseph Biden, chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to give priority to obtaining passage of CEDAW (the Treaty for the Rights of Women) and issue a call for hearings as soon as possible. We ask the Senate to stand unequivocally with women of the world by ratifying the Treaty for the Rights of Women.