



2019 Constitutional Changes Resolutions and Recommendations

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

1. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Be it resolved that the membership subscription for Categories 1,2,3,4,5 increased to

Cat 1 £110 + handling

Cat 2 £69 + handling

Cat 3 £55 + handling

Cat 4 £37 + handling

Cat 5 £27 + handling

Cat 5 for 3 years £68 + handling

2. CHAIRMAN OF THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee be a singular position on the Board and Executive.

~~3. ROLE OF DEPUTY WORLD PRESIDENT~~

~~Be it resolved that the Deputy World President's position be eliminated. (failed)~~

4. ADOPTION OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION

Be it resolved that the constitution of the Associated Country Women of the World Charitable Incorporated Organisation 1174798, approved by the Charity Commission in September 2017, be formally adopted.

5. ADOPTION OF BYE LAWS, STANDING ORDERS AND RULES OF PROCEDURE

Be it resolved that the Bye Laws, Standing Orders and rules of Procedure be ratified and approved as amended and in line with the new Constitution.

POLICY RESOLUTIONS

6. REGISTRATION OF OLD LANDFILLS

Be it resolved that ACWW and its member organisations urge the governments of all countries to map and register the presence of old landfill sites. The register should record the presence of dangerous substances (if known) and the risk of future leakage. In addition, we urge each country to develop a strategy for the rehabilitation of these sites.

7. PROTECTION OF SHARED MARINE ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABLE CORAL REEFS AND FISH STOCKS

Be it resolved that Member societies of the ACWW request their Governments and Industries to take urgent action, as appropriate, to ensure the wise use and protection of the shared marine environment, to protect the sustainability of coral reefs and fish stocks for future generations.

8. USE OF PLASTICS

Be it resolved that ACWW calls for all governments to regulate the use of plastics in packaging and manufacturing processes to reduce the impact of discarded plastic on the environment.

9. ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Be it resolved that all ACWW member societies support the historic Paris Climate Agreement 2015 by taking action at local, national and international level to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help build resilience within their communities to deal with the adverse impacts of climate change.

10. POLLINATOR PROTECTION

Be it resolved that ACWW societies and members urge their governments and research institutes to continue to identify and reduce specific drivers of insect pollinator decline, develop agricultural pollinator-friendly practices, and promote greater public awareness of the role of insect pollination in global food production.

11. TEXTILES AND CLOTHES

Be it resolved that ACWW and its member organisations put pressure upon all textile and clothes companies and manufacturers so that female workers are paid and work under fair conditions.

12. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Be it resolved that ACWW and its member organisations urge the governments of all countries and their agents to develop and implement strategies for the prevention of domestic violence.

13. IRON DEFICIENCY

Be it resolved that ACWW societies and members urge their governments and health organizations to continue financing and supporting the research needed to eliminate the world-wide incidence of iron deficiency.

14. GENDER SENSITIVE HEALTH CARE

Be it resolved that ACWW and its member organizations urge their governments to strive for gender sensitive health care by carrying out a gender analysis on all health policies as they are developed and before they are implemented.

15. HEALTH AND NUTRITION FOR WOMEN WITH EMPHASIS ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Be it resolved that ACWW gives high priority to programs relating to health and nutrition for rural women including provision of clean water, training in sanitation, hygiene and waste disposal which are of paramount importance to vulnerable rural communities. Where possible member societies should promote work with Governments and other non-governmental agencies in unison to achieve monitorable improvements in malnutrition and environmental health for rural women.

16. ELIMINATION OF DOG MEDIATED RABIES

Be it resolved that the Associated Country Women of the World member societies support rabies education globally and support 'Zero by 30'. This initiative of the World Health Organisation, World Organisation for Animal Health, Food and Agriculture Organisation and Global Alliance for Rabies Control seeks to eliminate dog mediated rabies by 2030 through: rabies education programs on bite prevention, expanding dog rabies vaccination coverage to stop transmission, improving access to post exposure prophylaxis and by lobbying governments to provide the funds to achieve this.

17. Q OR QUERY FEVER

Be it resolved that ACWW Member Societies advocate to governments in their respective regions that increased funding be made available to:

- a) educate medical practitioners and alert all communities about the identification, treatment and prevention of Q fever, and
- b) if not already in place, implement a scheme to subsidise vaccination programs to prevent Q fever in high risk areas.

18. SAFE AND SECURE ACCESS TO TOILET FACILITIES FOR ALL

Be it resolved that ACWW and their members aims to raise the standard of living of rural women and their families by putting specific emphasis to Goal 6 of the UN Sustainable Development Goal for water and sanitation, by including special and appropriate sanitary facilities for people with disabilities, serious illnesses and the elderly.