

TEXT OF RESOLUTION PASSED AT THE AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION
IN JUNE 2007

Long Version:

Ratification of CEDAW. Whereas the AAUW Public Policy Program affirms our commitment to the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), and AAUW has long supported U.N. programs that address human rights and women's and girls' concern, and

Whereas the United States is the only industrialized country that has not ratified CEDAW even through the U.S. delegation to the United Nations played an active role in drafting the document, and

Whereas President Jimmy Carter signed CEDAW in 1980 and it has languished in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for these many years, and

Whereas the political climate in Washington is becoming more CEDAW friendly, and

Whereas many states and municipalities across the nation have ratified CEDAW

Resolved that AAUW members collectively and individually work to support ratification of CEDAW by

- 1) writing and emailing their U.S. senators to press for support of the Convention; and
- 2) participating in the coalition building efforts of The Working Group on the Ratification of CEDAW.

Short Version:

Ratification CEDAW. Recognizing that the AAUW Public Policy Program affirms our commitment to Treaty for the Rights of Women, officially the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the 2007 AAUW Convention urges its members collectively and individually to:

- 1) write and email their U.S. Senators to press for support of the Convention; and
- 2) participate in the coalition building efforts of The Working Group on the Ratification of CEDAW.