

CONVENTION ON THE ELI MINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN (CEDAW)

Programming Suggestions for AAUW States and Branches from the International Affairs Committee

Following are several suggestions on things you can do to inform your members, the public, and your elected representatives about CEDAW. Suggestions for additions are welcome.

1. Advocate ratification of CEDAW with your Senator (see AAUW Two-Minute Activist (Action Alert August '07).
2. Hold a workshop at your state convention to discuss materials provided in this packet.
3. Write articles and/or letters to the editor of your local newspaper explaining CEDAW and why the United States should ratify it.
4. Write a short article for your Branch and state newsletters urging members to inform themselves on the subject and directing them to the materials on the AAUW web site.
5. Use International Women's Day (March 10) to inform branch members about the Convention and why we should ratify it by including the subject in your March meetings.
6. Seek out organizations and/or individuals in your community which are also interested in ratification of the Convention and work out ways you can collaborate.
7. For those who feel well grounded in this subject, offer to speak at other women's organizations in your community about CEDAW.

The International Affairs Committee would appreciate a brief report on any activities undertaken by branches and states so that we may share your experiences with others. Please send them to Gloria Blackwell at blackwellg@aauw.org; she will make appropriate distribution.

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