

Combating Human Trafficking in Canada

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that BPW Canada urges the Government of Canada to work with the provinces to develop an integrated National action plan to combat trafficking in persons in general and in particular to provide funding for the following services for victims and those providing victim assistance:1. A 24/7 hotline, toll free phone number that is staffed with multilingual workers, trained in the issues of human trafficking which victims call for immediate, round-the-clock assistance. The number is to be widely advertised and accompanied by an awareness and promotional campaign in ethnic and main-stream media.2. Safe houses or shelters specifically for trafficked victims where they can be fed and clothed and receive or be referred to necessary services, such as therapy and health care.3. A separate toll free number for police officers, Non-Government Organizations, frontline health workers and anyone who encounters human trafficked victims to call for immediate, 24-hour assistance.4. An official network of agencies working together to provide needed services and integrated police human trafficking task force that seeks victims and tracks perpetrators.FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that BPW Canada urges the Government of Canada to take the matter seriously and establish a goal to eliminate human trafficking by

amending the Criminal Code of Canada by 1) making it illegal to purchase sex, and by 2) establishing a minimum sentence of 10 years, therefore, giving enforcement officers the tools to charge individuals who engage in the procurement of illicit sex.

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