

FAWCO Resolutions & Recommendations are adopted at Biennial Conferences. Practical in implementation, Resolutions & Recommendations serve as guidelines for FAWCO and Member Club action for the next two-year term. Recommendations are generally influenced by current world problems, issues affecting overseas Americans, and FAWCO's ongoing concern for global issues on education, health, environmental awareness, and human rights, especially the rights of women and children.

Approved 2007-2009 FAWCO Resolutions & Recommendations

1. Resolves to work to improve conditions for Americans living, working and retiring overseas, and recommends:
 1. Encouraging member clubs to organize informative and dynamic overseas voting campaigns;
 2. Working for easier and more secure procedures for voting from abroad, particularly by actively promoting and assisting the rapid implementation of the Help America Vote Act of 2002;
 3. Working on means of generating reliable statistics on the civilian overseas American population;
 4. Exploring means by which overseas U.S. citizens can be effectively represented in Washington including, but not limited to, working with Congress to promote and assist the bi-partisan, bicameral 'Americans Abroad Caucus' in Washington;
 5. Continuing to champion U.S. citizenship rights by monitoring changes in laws, to protect against possible loss of American nationality, and other citizenship issues including inequalities in the rights of children born abroad of U.S. citizen parents and those adopted abroad by U.S. citizen parents;
 6. Continuing to support the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, in particular Article 36 on the right to consular information, notification and access;
 7. Promoting spousal employment rights for Americans living abroad and disseminating information on legal and employment rights of foreign spouses in host countries;
 8. Working toward the abolition of double taxation liability for overseas U.S. citizens.

2. Resolves to encourage and support FAWCO members to promote human rights and welfare with a special focus on the most vulnerable women and children through education and awareness-raising, and recommends:
 1. Continuing to work through the UN and to advocate for children's rights with support of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC); and women's rights with support of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);

2. Addressing the global challenge for reducing poverty and improving lives by promoting the UN Millennium Development Goals in particular with support for the FAWCO Foundation's Global Concerns Fund and by encouraging our members to focus on malaria, the single largest killer of children, with a commitment to world wide malaria prevention;
 3. Affirming a person's right to accurate information about reproductive and sexual health, including HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases; supporting health education programs aimed at preventing, controlling and treating diseases, as well as publishing information on cardiovascular disease, cancer and other health issues;
 4. Supporting efforts to protect women and children in abusive and conflict situations as well as promoting awareness of practices harmful to women;
 5. Continuing to contribute to educational needs, especially for dual national children and for students who learn differently, by, among other things, supporting universal primary school education and the education of women;
 6. Promoting active aging and disseminating information on health, finance, care and security for the elderly;
 7. Raising awareness of the dangers and implications of substance abuse and providing information about available treatment resources;
 8. Encouraging and assisting member clubs in projects to benefit the environment, with special attention to global warming and practical guidance on how individuals can contribute.
3. Resolves to promote mutual respect, understanding and international goodwill between the U.S. and other countries, and recommends:
1. Endorsing the United Nations as a forum for the peaceful resolution of conflicts;
 2. Encouraging respect for international perspectives on current issues and cultural differences by reaching out to other international organizations through local events, workshops and speakers at Conferences and Regional Meetings;
 3. Disseminating information about current situations which infringe on basic human rights, including refugees seeking safety or those living in life threatening conditions.

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