

# 2009-2011 FAWCO Resolutions & Recommendations

## **I. RESOLVED: to work to improve conditions for Americans living, working and retiring overseas.**

**1.1** Explore means by which overseas American citizens can be effectively represented in Washington, D.C, including, but not limited to, working with the bi-partisan and bi-cameral Americans Abroad Caucus.

**1.2** Work to abolish the double taxation liability for overseas American citizens.

**1.3** Work on the means to obtain reliable statistics on the civilian American population living overseas.

**1.4** Champion American citizenship rights by monitoring changes in laws to protect against possible loss of American nationality, or other citizenship issues such as inequalities in the rights of children, either born or adopted abroad, whose parents are American citizens.

**1.5** Work with the Alliance for Military and Overseas Voting Rights (AMOVR) to ensure easier and more secure overseas voting procedures; support the implementation of the Help America Vote Act of 2002; work with the Overseas Vote Foundation to facilitate voting from overseas; encourage member clubs to actively disseminate overseas voter registration information.

**1.6** Continue to support the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations, particularly Article 36 on the right to consular information, notification and access.

## **II. RESOLVED: to encourage FAWCO members to promote human rights, welfare, and the human and natural environment, with a special focus on the most vulnerable women and children, through awareness and education.**

**2.1** Continue to work through the United Nations for children's rights by supporting the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and for women's rights by supporting the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW).

**2.2** Take up the global challenge for reducing poverty and improving lives by supporting and promoting the UN Millennium Development Goals\*, most specifically the eradication of malaria.

**2.3** Affirm a person's right to accurate information about reproductive and sexual health, including HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases; support health education programs aimed at preventing, controlling and treating diseases; publish information on cardiovascular disease, cancer and other health issues.

**2.4** Support efforts to protect women and children in abusive and conflict situations; promote awareness of practices harmful to women.

**2.5** Contribute to educational needs, especially for dual-national children and those who learn differently; support universal primary school education and the education of women.

**2.6** Promote active aging; disseminate information on health, finance, care and security for those growing older.

**2.7** Raise awareness of the dangers and implications of substance abuse; provide information about available treatment resources.

**2.8** Assist and encourage member clubs in projects that benefit the environment, especially those that help reduce global warming, including carbon-neutral travel and green measures at home and at FAWCO Conferences.

**III. RESOLVED: to promote mutual respect, understanding and international goodwill between the United States and other countries.**

**3.1** Endorse the United Nations as a forum for the peaceful resolution of conflicts; advocate United States support for the International Criminal Court (ICC) to uphold the rule of law, and to prosecute and deter war crimes and crimes against humanity.

**3.2** Advocate a ban on the manufacture and use of cluster bombs and landmines, and advocate United States ratification of the International Convention on Cluster Munitions.

**3.3** Encourage 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.