



100 Years of CFUW Advocacy

The Power of Women Working Together

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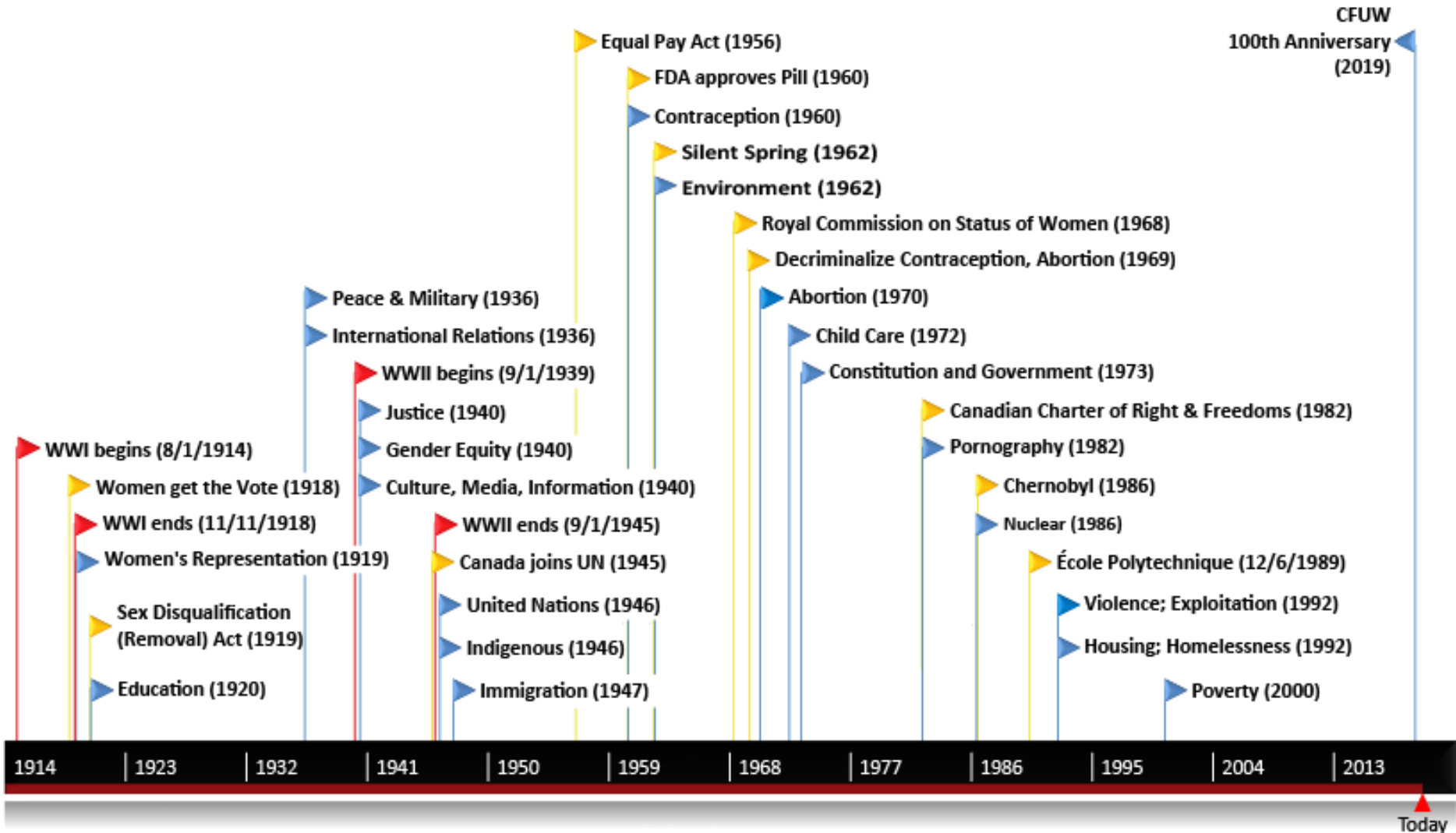
Resolutions Become Policy

“Resolutions are important. They are the means through which group thinking is crystallized into policies and aims which demand expression in appropriate action.”

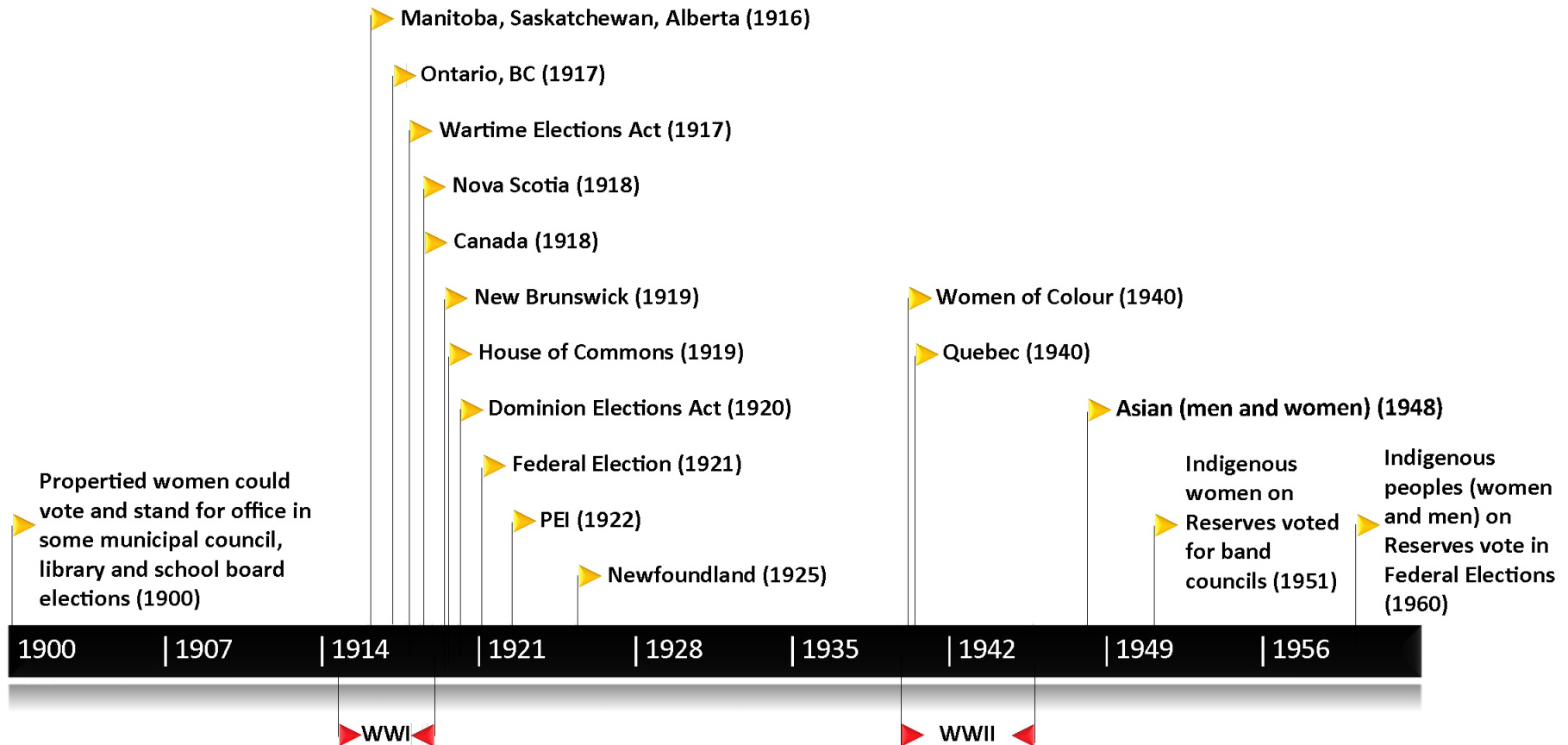
“In the long run, the success of a resolution is gauged by the degree to which the substance of it is implemented. Sometimes this requires patience and persistence over a long period of time with numerous submissions to responsible authorities.”

Margaret E. MacLellan in 1969

CFUW Policy, Canadian & World Events



Women's Enfranchisement & WWI



CFUW's first Resolutions

- **1919: Appointment of Women**
 - Women to stand for election to governing bodies
 - Support the principle of admitting women to the Senate
- **1920: Education**
 - Establish municipal system of consolidated schools and rural high schools
 - Greater financial support for public school systems through taxes and federal grants
 - Higher qualifications for teachers
 - Adequate salary schedule for teachers
 - Establish research fellowship to study Canadian educational problems
- **1920: Pay equity**
 - Equal pay for equal work
 - Minimum salary legislation



The Famous Five & the Persons Case

L-R: Nellie McClung, Henrietta
Edwards, Louise McKinney, Emily
Murphy and Irene Parlby.

(Library and Archives Canada)

Pre-WW2 & The Great Depression

- Canadian Government to support a “collective system” of security to maintain peace
- Continued support for the Permanent Court of International Justice
- Reduction and supervision of all armaments
- International Police Force
- Opposition to private manufacture of armaments

The War Effort

- Study the peace effort for Canada to assist in forming “intelligent public opinion” on post-war problems.
- Consider diversion of scholarship money to war purposes as deemed appropriate.
- Urge the government that educational institutions should not unnecessarily be sacrificed for war work.
- Ask the government to provide all citizens a standard of living as shall ensure their pride in Canada and increase their willingness to sacrifice for her cause.
- Recommended that the recommendations in the Archambault Report on Prison Reform be put into effect.

Post War: CFUW Interests Grow

Culture and Justice

- CBC programs
- National Library
- Broadened National Research Council
- National Commission for UNESCO

Immigration and Refugees

- Generous immigration policy
- Displaced persons

The Appointment and Work of Women

- The Senate
- Civil Service Commission
- Positions in Education Field
- Applications considered based on merit

CFUW & the Royal Commission on the Status of Women



A look at the Issues



Environment & Climate Change

- 1962: Conservation & proper use of land
- 1967: Water Pollution
- 1972: Recycling, Reducing Packaging
- 1975: Renewable Resources
- 1990: Global Warming
- 2015: Neonicotinoid moratorium
- 2015: Carbon Tax

Employment & Pay Equity

Resolutions

- Appointments to governing bodies, from the Senate, to the United Nations, to local boards
- Vocations Bureau and work with schools about employment possibilities
- Return to work for women after the wars
- Right of women to be considered for work after marriage

Studies

- Women in administrative positions
- Occupations of University Women
- Women in Universities, I & II

Poverty, Housing, Homelessness

- **Poverty**
 - 1969: Taxation and Poverty
 - 2012: Ensuring Food Security
 - 2013: Moving Canadians Out of Poverty
- **Housing and Homelessness**
 - 1992: Affordable Housing
 - 2018: Ending Youth Homelessness
- **Pensions**
 - 1969: Women's Pension Rights
 - 2014: An Enhanced Canadian Pension Plan

Plus 17 more, including support for the UN Sustainable Development Goals

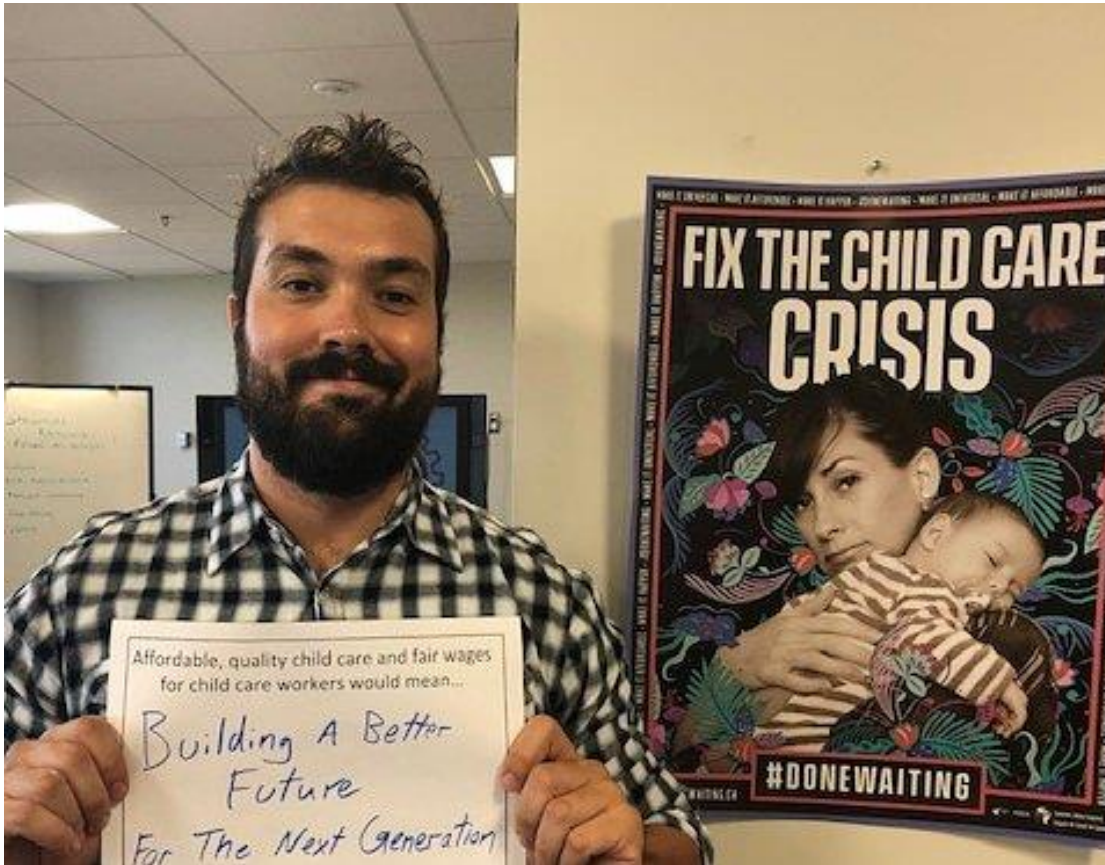
Indigenous Rights

- **Education**
 - 1946: Improve education and health facilities
 - 1967: Aboriginal Schools
 - 2010: Funding Aboriginal Education
- **Women**
 - 1969: Women and the Indian Act
 - 2016: Marginalization of Indigenous Women
- **Policy**
 - 1970: Government Statement on Indian Policy
 - 1978: Revision Committee of Indian Act
- **Living Standards**
 - 2008: Closing Gap in Living Standards
 - 2017: Right to Clean Water and Sanitation



Immigration & Refugees

- 1949: Generous Immigration Policy for Refugees
- 1949: Displaced Persons
- 1952: Canada's support for High Commissioner for Refugees
- 1960: Extension of successful government project bringing refugees and their families to Canada
- 1964: Racial Discrimination, Religious Intolerance and the Criminal Code
- 1966: Hate Propaganda
- 1979: Location of Indochinese Refugees in Canadian Communities
- 1990: Second Language Education for Immigrant Women
- 2004: Implementation of the Refugee Appeal Division
- 2018: Fair and Non-Discriminatory Management of Refugees and Asylum Seekers



Early Learning & Childcare

- 1972: Child Care: National Legislation
- 1972: Child Care: Advisory Services
- 1972: Child Care Centres in Housing Developments
- 1978: Child Care: Increased Financial Support
- 1987: Child Care and Early Learning
- 1988: Child Care: Standards and Criteria
- 2006: Early Childhood Education and Care

#DoneWaiting

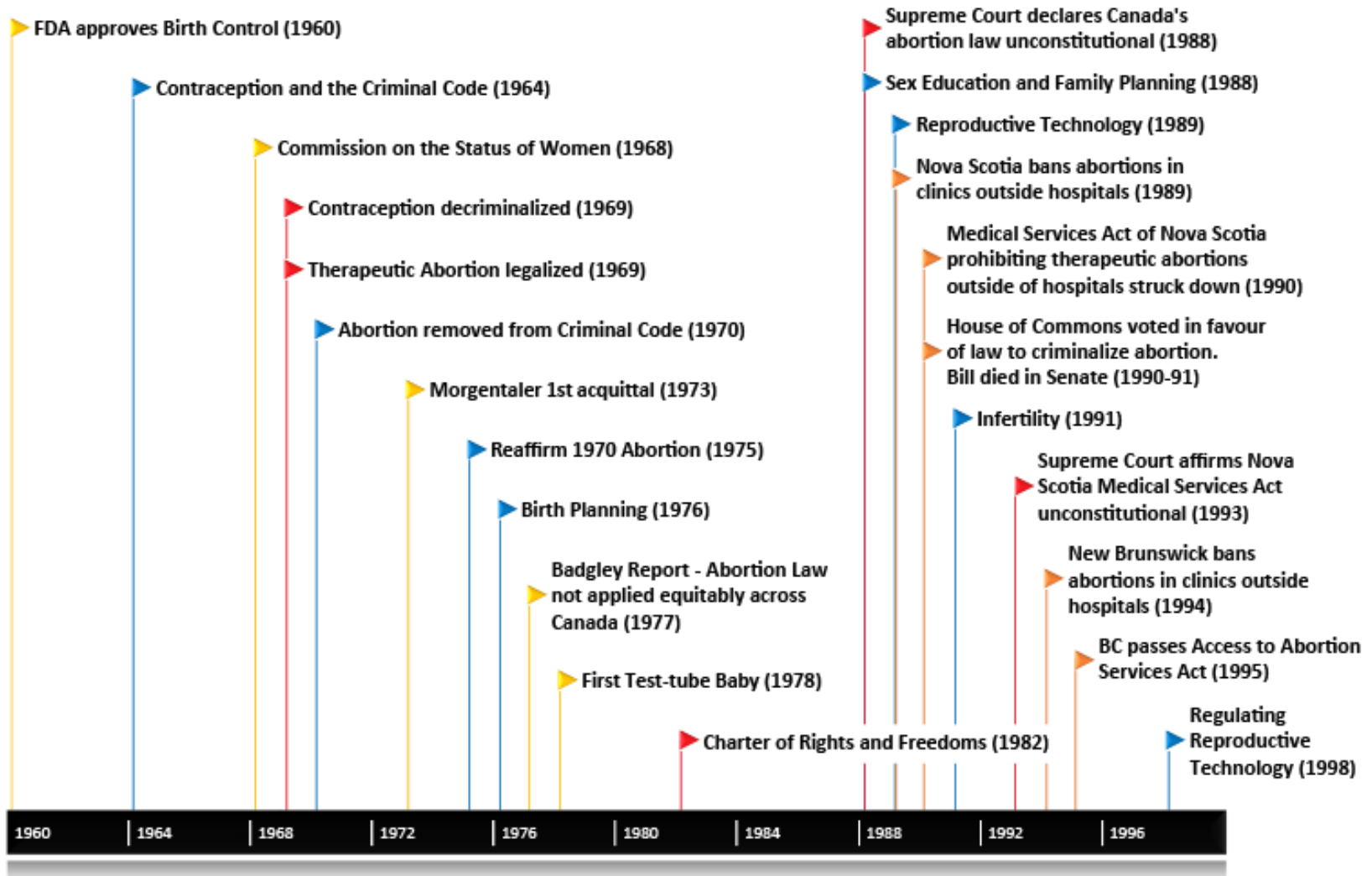
Gender Based Violence & Exploitation

- 1990: Gun Control
- 1992: Prevention of Violence Against Women
- 1993: Women's Safety on Post-Secondary Campuses
- 1994: Gun Control, Ammunition Regulation
- 2001: Trafficking in Human Beings
- 2008: Psychological Harassment in Workplace
- 2011: Criminalization of Non-State Actor Torture
- 2013: Countering Exploitative Child Images

#MeToo



Reproductive Rights



“All issues
are
women’s
issues”

- We have addressed multiple topics through our resolutions having some good success along with the frustrations
- Resolutions made into policy are a key component of CFUW – our advocacy is paramount!
- Let’s see where the next 100 years take us