

Summary of letters and responses sent to Federal Government Ministers regarding Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Resolutions passed at the 2016 World Conference in Warwick, England.

Resolution # 2 – Food Sovereignty - Hon. Lawrence MacAulay – Minister of Environment – reply – Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC) are leading in the development of a whole-of-government policy for Canada. A food summit will be held in Ottawa on June 22-23, 2017. Federated Women's Institutes of Canada received an invitation to attend.

Resolution # 3 Fructose - Hon. Jane Philpot – Minister of Health – no reply received.

Resolution # 4 – Sustainable Energy - Hon. Catherine McKenna – Minister of Environment – reply – Canadian government working to ensure all communities have the means and capabilities to improve energy efficiency, access modern energy service and develop renewable energy sources.

Resolution #5 – Shale Gas - Hon. Lawrence MacAulay - Minister of Environment - reply - each province and territory maintains the license applications for on-shore energy resources. He encouraged sharing our views on shale fracking with provincial government ministers. He also passed the letter along to Hon. Jim Carr – Minister of Natural Resources - reply – similar to Hon. Lawrence MacAulay's reply. - He also noted the Government of Canada scientists are working on an ongoing basis with non-government researchers to better understand the potential impact of hydraulic fracking.

Hon. Catherine McKenna – Minister of Environment – reply – The minister also stated that all provinces and territories control the rights for on-shore energy resources and are the primary environmental regulator.

Hon. Jane Philpot – Minister of Health –no reply.

Hon. Marc Garneau – Minister of Transportation –no reply.

Hon. Bardish Chagger – Minister of Small Business and Tourism – no reply.

Resolution # 6 – Protecting the Supply of Water- Hon. Lawrence MacAulay – Minister of Environment –reply – Mandate letter includes a commitment to collaborate with provincial and territorial governments and industry to help producers conserve and safeguard a sustainable water supply.

Resolution #7 - Vaccination Against Potentially Eradicable Diseases – Hon. Jane Philpot – Minister of Health – no reply.

Resolution #11 – Civil Society and Gender – Hon. Maryam Monsef – Minister of Status of Women – reply – the government is taking action to ensure all women and girls in Canada achieve gender equality with consistent use of Gender-based Analysis Plus (GBA+) which not only factors in biological (sex) and socio-cultural (gender differences but includes other factors such as race, religion, age and geographic location.

All Ministers who replied thanked Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC) for their interest in these issues.