

FAWCO Resolutions & Recommendations 2015 – 2017

1. Resolved: To improve the lives of women and girls worldwide, especially in the areas of human rights, health, education and the environment.

Recommended:

- 1.1 Support the United Nation's mission and goals, particularly those that address women and girls.
- 1.2 Increase FAWCO's engagement as an accredited UN NGO by working on global women's issues with UN Women and the UN Commission on the Status of Women, sponsoring UN events and actively seeking partnerships with like-minded NGOs.
- 1.3 Focus Global Task Force efforts to promote the wellbeing of women and girls worldwide and engage members through regular newsletters focused on global relevance.
- 1.4 Promote the ratification by the US Senate of the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) and advocate the inclusion of American women living overseas in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

2. Resolved: To advocate for the rights of US citizens and US permanent residents living abroad (US persons living overseas) and keep FAWCO members informed on issues arising in the US that may impact US persons living overseas.

Recommended:

- 2.1 Serve as a recognized voice in Washington, DC for US persons living overseas; work with the Americans Abroad Caucus in the US Congress, the Departments of State, Treasury and Defense, and partner organizations to shape US legislation and regulations that address the special needs of US persons living overseas, including voting rights, citizenship rights, taxation and banking.
- 2.2 Advocate more effective representation in Washington for US persons living overseas.
- 2.3 Disseminate information on overseas voter registration, promote and facilitate voting from overseas, and encourage active citizenship.
- 2.4 Provide workshops and resources to empower US persons living overseas to more effectively manage the tax, banking and legal complexities of living abroad.
- 2.5 Work to mitigate the impact of FATCA on US persons living overseas; collect information on its unintended consequences to be provided to Washington policy-makers; actively lend support to FAWCO members in situations of particular distress due to non-willful non-compliance, "accidental" citizenship, or excessive financial hardship.
- 2.6 Contribute to efforts to obtain reliable statistics on US persons living overseas.

3. Resolved: To support, strengthen and expand the FAWCO network.

Recommended:

3.1 Develop a proactive campaign to promote information exchange; encouraging members to utilize FAWCO workshops, exchange of information between Member Club Presidents and FAWCO Representatives, sharing best practices and learning from one another's experiences in order to develop and sustain more successful member clubs.

3.2 Maintain an informative and user-friendly website where members can access ideas, information and resources for individual and club development.

3.3 Stay abreast of the latest available technologies to communicate and promote FAWCO programs.

3.4 Encourage FAWCO members to actively participate in conferences, regional meetings, workshops, programs, committees and Task Forces.

3.5 Engage geographically distant FAWCO Members and expand the FAWCO network by attracting new American and international clubs.

4. Resolved: To practice good global citizenship and create a better and more peaceful world.

Recommended:

4.1 Provide opportunities for FAWCO members to get involved in FAWCO's work on global issues and philanthropy.

4.2 Champion the role of the UN in promoting world peace and improving lives; raise awareness among FAWCO members of UN endeavors and encourage participation in UN events.

4.3 Promote cross-cultural understanding and respect for international perspectives; encourage FAWCO members to be informed about customs and legislation in their country of residence that affects their rights and responsibilities as international citizens living abroad; encourage FAWCO Members to participate actively in their communities and to collaborate with other civic organizations.

4.4 Promote cultural understanding and raise awareness of global issues in our youth and help them develop into responsible and caring global citizens.

4.5 Promote awareness of the environment and the impact of climate change on peace in the global society and encourage responsible environmental stewardship.