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## ENVIRONMENT

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### Climate Emergency – Declarations and Action Plans – 2020

CFUW Stratford

**RESOLVED**, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge provinces, territories, municipalities, and other community groups and organizations to declare a climate emergency if they have not already done so;

**RESOLVED**, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge the Government of Canada, the provinces and territories, municipalities and other community organizations, and the corporate sector to follow the climate emergency declaration by drafting and implementing measurable action plans, based on science and social justice, that work urgently to mitigate the factors creating this climate crisis and to also prepare for the unavoidable consequences such as floods, fires, storms, climate refugees, food and water insecurity, and social conflict.

**RESOLVED**, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) foster relationships with Indigenous peoples for climate advocacy and urge governments, organizations, and advocates for the development and implementation of climate action plans to collaborate with Indigenous peoples and respect their leadership and traditional knowledge as long-time stewards of the environment.

**RESOLVED**, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) urge all levels of governments to put the safety of women and children first in all actions to address climate emergencies and include women in the decision making, recognizing that women and children are disproportionately affected in climate emergencies.

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### To Strengthen the Pest Management Regulatory Agency – 2016 (of Health Canada in its Mandate to Approve, Register and Monitor Pesticides, in a timely manner, as well as to protect the health of Canadians and the environment)

CFUW Owen Sound and Area

**RESOLVED**, That the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) strongly recommends that the Government of Canada ensure that the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada continue to implement the recommendations of the 2015 Audit Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development to completion, within the time frame of March 2018.

**RESOLVED**, That the CFUW strongly urges the Government of Canada to ensure that the PMRA of Health Canada will include independent, impartial arms-length research, including medical evaluation, when assessing pesticide applications for its approval.

**RESOLVED**, That the CFUW strongly urges the Government of Canada to ensure that the PMRA has a sufficient budget so that it can fulfill its mandate of registering pesticides for use in Canada that will be effective as well as prevent unacceptable risk to people and the environment from the use of these pesticides.