

ON.05.05 MERIT- BASED APPEAL FOR REFUSED REFUGEE CLAIMANTS

Whereas, The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration has not implemented the appeal Provision approved by Parliament in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act (2002) despite public promises of implementation and international recognition of the right to an appeal for refused refugee claimants; and

Whereas, The Minister of Citizenship and Immigration delayed the Refugee Appeal Division, because of increasing numbers of refugee claimants each year and because of a steady increase in backlog cases and now both of these numbers have declined; and

Whereas, The absence of a merit-appeal process represents a serious flaw in Canada's refugee determination system as there is no mechanism in place to ensure the correction of errors affecting the life or safety of refugee claimants; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada In 58th annual convention assembled request the national council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada to urge the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration to immediately implement the Refugee Appeal Division approved with the passage of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act of 2002; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the national council for consideration at the national convention in August 2005.