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# People's Republic of China

- 1. WHEREAS one of the most dangerous threats to peace in the world today is the lack of communication between many countries and the People's Republic of China, leading to misunderstanding and tensions on both sides; and
- 2. WHEREAS the present exclusion of the People's Republic of China from the United Nations isolates approximately one-quarter of the world's population;
- 3. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council urges the Government of Canada to work towards the establishment of normal diplomatic relations between Canada and China, and between China and other nations of the world; and, while recognizing the rights of the people of Taiwan/Formosa, to support the efforts of the nations which are working towards the admission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations; and
- 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council urges the Canadian Government to increase trade and cultural exchanges between Canada and the People's Republic of China.

### Revision of U.N. Charter

- 1. WHEREAS the year 1965, which is the twentieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, has been officially designated as International Cooperation Year; and
- 2. WHEREAS recently a more favourable climate for agreements leading to a genuine and lasting peace has been brought about by adoption of a nuclear test ban treaty by more than one hundred sovereign states;
- 3. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council supports the revision of the U.N. Charter to bring about a more effective security system based on laws against international violence, courts to interpret those laws, and an independent police force to enforce them.

# **Native Peoples**

- 1. WHEREAS poverty among the native Indian and Eskimo peoples of Canada is the rule rather than the exception; and
- 2. WHEREAS native treaty rights (where they exist) are continually being eroded; and
- 3. WHEREAS it becomes increasingly difficult for native groups to

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make an adequate living in their time-honoured fashion;

- 4. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council goes on record as favouring;
- 1. The extension of all citizenship rights to Canadian Natives, without loss of benefits obtained under any treaty or agreement with the Canadian Government of local authorities;
- 2. More extensive educational and health facilities for Canadian Indians and Eskimos'
- 3. Improved economic development and opportunities in the Indian and Eskimo communities;
- 4. No discrimination against Indians and Eskimos in employment generally.

#### Peace Research

- 1. WHEREAS the problem of maintaining world peace is the most serious facing mankind; and
- 2. WHEREAS the scientific effort applied to such fields as the economic consequences of disarmament, the resolution of conflict and the establishment of world law is pathetically small compared with that expended on matters of less vital concern; and 3. WHEREAS the Canadian Peace Research Institute is an organization actively applying the scientific method to specific questions concerning the establishment of peace for the further information of governments and peoples'
- 4. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council urges the Federal and Provincial Governments to give financial support to the Canadian Peace Research Institute; and
- 5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council publicly endorses the Canadian Peace Research Institute and urges its member churches to assist in the financial campaigns of the Institute and to disseminate news of its activities and findings.

# Contraceptives

- 1. WHEREAS Section 150 of the Criminal Code of Canada makes it a criminal offence to advertise, sell, or have available for sale or disposal, any instructions or article intended to prevent contraception; and
- 2. WHEREAS contraception is approved and practiced daily by millions of informed Canadians with moral and religious approval; and
- 3. WHEREAS information and contraceptives are not legally and readily available to Canadians; and

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- 4. WHEREAS the continuation of this law undermines Canadian foreign aid by inhibiting assistance in population planning to those overpopulated countries requesting it; and
- 5. WHEREAS a private member's bill has been introduced in the House of Commons to legalize supplying of information and articles of contraception to those desiring it:
- 6. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Unitarian Council urges the Government of Canada to adopt the above private member's bill as a government bill and to obtain its enactment with the greatest urgency.

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