

## ASSOCIATION OF NURSES IN AIDS CARE

### RESOLUTION

#### Opposition of Decreased Support for the United Nations Population Fund (Adopted November 2002)

- Whereas, the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care works to encourage efforts to prevent the transmission of HIV infections, and
- Whereas, the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care recognizes the international impact of HIV infection, and
- Whereas, it is recognized that the primary (and sometimes only) resources for women's health care is in reproductive health care settings, and
- Whereas, the United Nations Population Fund supports reproductive health, disease prevention, family planning, and contraception for clients in over 100 countries, and
- Whereas, the United States had earmarked \$34 million to support the United Nations Population Fund, and
- Whereas, the United States, on July 22, 2002, cut off support to this fund, and
- Whereas, this funding cut will result in "2 million unwanted pregnancies, 800,000 preventable abortions, 4700 maternal deaths, 77,000 child deaths, and an 'untold number of preventable cases of HIV'" despite the fact that the fund does not support abortion as a means of family planning or provide support for abortion services (*The Nation's Health*, September 2002, p. 7), be it therefore
- Resolved, that the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care opposed the action of the government of the United States to cut off support for the United Nations Population Fund, and
- Resolved, that the Association communicates the contents of this resolution to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the President of the United States as well as to other

professional, legislative, and public policy organizations as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors of the Association.

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Implementation plan: The President of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care is hereby directed to develop and send information about this resolution to the aforementioned entities.

Financial implications: Postage