

**National Federation of Democratic Women**  
**Resolution on Foreign Policy Affirming Preservation of the INF Treaty**

**WHEREAS**, on December 8, 1987, the United States and the former Soviet Union (now Russia) entered into the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (INF Treaty) in which both parties agreed to eliminate their stocks of intermediate- and shorter-range nuclear and conventional ground-launched ballistic and cruise missiles with ranges of 500 to 5,500 kilometers; and

**WHEREAS**, the INF Treaty marked the first time both superpowers agreed to reduce their nuclear arsenals, eliminate an entire category of nuclear weapons, and allow extensive on-site inspections for verification; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 20, 2018, President Donald J. Trump announced his intention to “terminate” the INF Treaty, citing concerns about Russian noncompliance and China’s intermediate-range missile arsenal; and on February 2, 2019, suspended U.S. obligations under the INF Treaty and formally announced the United States’ intention to withdraw from the Treaty within six months from that date. Further, on February 2, 2019, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced that Russia would respond “symmetrically” to the United States’ announcement and officially suspended Russia’s obligations under the INF Treaty.

**THEREFORS, BE IT RESOLVED** that because nuclear weapons proliferation and war pose the ultimate threats to national security and survival of all life forms, the National Federation of Democratic Women gives its full support to immediate steps by the United States to: (1) preserve and recommit to the INF Treaty; (2) utilize diplomatic means to persuade Russia to recommit to and comply with the INF Treaty; and, (3) add other world powers, including China, as signatories to the Treaty.