

CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION
AGAINST WOMEN

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, supports the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). We call upon the United States to ratify this Convention and join the overwhelming majority of signatory nations.

As a women's organization, we recognize the need for an international bill of rights for women. The Convention addressed this necessity by setting forth standards for women's civil, legal and reproductive rights. Additionally, the document obliges the signatory nations to pursue legislation and policies that lead to gender equality.

It is imperative that the United States, a leader in the human rights arena and an active party in drafting the document, honor its international commitments and ratify the Convention before the rapidly approaching 1995 United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women.