**Definitions**

**ACRONYM MEANING**

AGM Annual General Meeting

CEDAW (UN) Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women

CIB Club in a Bag

CFUW Canadian Federation of University Women

CRIAWCanadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women

CSW Commission on the Status of Women

ECOSOC or UNESCO United Nations Economic and Social Council

FAFIA Feminist Alliance for International Action

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

GWI Graduate Women International (formerly IFUW)

IACHR Inter- American Commission on Human Rights

IFUW International Federation of University Women

IWD International Women’s Day

MAL Member-at-Large

MDG Millennium Development Goals

MI Member Increase (Award)

MVP Member Value Proposition

NIVAW National Initiative on responding to and prevention of Violence

against Women

NM New Members (Award)

NCWC National Council of Women of Canada

NWAC Native Women’s Association of Canada

POVC Prevention of Violence Canada

RD Regional Director

RFP Request for proposal

SP Special Project (Award)

UN United Nations

UNCSW United Nations Commission on the Status of Women

UNHCR United Nations High Commission for Refugees

UWHAW University Women Helping Afghan Women (CFUW study group)

VAW Violence against Women

VP Vice-President

WIR Week in Review

YWCA Young Women’s Christian Association