

## **INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE GRANTING OF CIVIL RIGHTS TO WOMEN**

(Signed at the Ninth International Conference of American States  
Bogotá, Colombia, March 30-May 2, 1948)

The governments represented at the Ninth International  
Conference of American States,

Considering:

That the majority of the American Republics, inspired by lofty  
principles of justice, have granted civil rights to women;

That it has been a constant aspiration of the American  
community of nations to equalize the status for men and women  
in the enjoyment and exercise of civil rights;

That Resolution XX of the Eighth International Conference of  
American States expressly declares:

"That women have the right to the enjoyment of equality as to  
civil status";

That long before the women of America demanded their rights  
they were able to carry out nobly all their responsibilities side by  
side with men;

That the principle of equality of human rights for men and  
women is contained in the Charter of the United Nations,

Have Resolved:

To authorize their respective Representatives, whose Full Powers  
have been found to be in good and due form, to sign the  
following articles:

Article 1. The American States agree to grant to women the  
same civil rights that men enjoy.

Article 2. The present Convention shall be open for signature by  
the American States and shall be ratified in accordance with their  
respective constitutional procedures. The original instrument, the  
Spanish, English, Portuguese and French texts of which are  
equally authentic, shall be deposited with the General Secretariat  
of the Organization of American States, which shall transmit  
certified copies to the Governments for the purpose of  
ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited  
with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American  
States, which shall notify the signatory governments of the said

deposit. Such notification shall serve as an exchange of ratifications.