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FEMINIST CONFERENCE TO TACKLE CRUCIAL ISSUES

The National Action Committee on the Status of Women (NAC) begins its Annual General Meeting today with a one-day conference at Carleton University addressing the most crucial issues facing women in Canada today. Solidarity and Diversity is the theme of the opening panel, which features NAC President Judy Rebick, Eunadie Johnson, President of the National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women, Monique Simard, Vice-President, CSN, Nancy Riche, Vice-President, CLC, and Reanna Erasmus, Chair of the NAC Aboriginal Committee. The panel gets under way at 9 am at Stormont House (Stormont Multipurpose Room).

A number of strategy discussions focussed on the issues of funding, cuts to social programs, the changing face of work for women, and violence will take place from 10 am to 12:30.

Three major discussions are planned for the afternoon, running concurrently from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. The panel on Constitution and Self Determination will be chaired by Doris Anderson, and participants include Barbara Cameron, Chair of the NAC Constitution Committee, Monique Simard, Salomé Loucas, Chair of the NAC Committee on Visible and Immigrant Minority Women, and others. A debate on New Reproductive Technologies will feature a diverse panel of women across the country. The discussion on Free Trade With Mexico features Marjorie Cohen, Chair of the NAC Employment Committee, as well as women from the Mexican group, Mujer a Mujer.

The Annual General Meeting continues strategy and policy discussions through the weekend, and will be followed by a lobby with the Liberal and NDP parties Monday morning.

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For more information, please call the AGM Conference number at 613-233-7566, or 613-233-7566. 0676