Anglican Consultative Council resolution numbers:

- **13.31 (Nottingham, England, 2005)**
- **14.33 (Kingston, Jamaica, 2009)**
- **15.07 (Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand, 2012)**
- **15.10: (Auckland, Aotearoa New Zealand 2012)**

ACC Resolution 13.31: The 49th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. receives and adopts the Report of the ACC Provincial Delegation to the 49th UN Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW), and affirms the work of the International Anglican Women's Network (IAWN) in responding to the Beijing Platform for Action and the Millennium Developments Goals (MDGs), thereby carrying forward the full flourishing of God's Creation

b. acknowledges the MDG goal for equal representation of women in decision making at all levels, and so requests:

   i. the Standing Committee to identify ways in which this goal may appropriately be adapted for incorporation into the structures of the Instruments of Unity, and other bodies to which the Anglican Consultative Council nominates or appoints

   ii. all member churches to work towards the realisation of this goal in their own structures of governance, and in other bodies to which they nominate or appoint

   and to report on progress to ACC-14.

c. recommends that a study of the place and role of women in the structures of the Anglican Communion be undertaken by the Standing Committee in line with the objects of the ACC "to keep in review the needs that may arise for further study, and, where necessary, to promote inquiry and research"

d. requests that each Province give consideration to the establishment of a women's desk for that Province

e. thanks those Provinces which sent participants to the 49th Session of UNCSW, and encourages those who did not to review their decision in time for the 50th Session in 2006 in solidarity with all women of the Anglican Communion.

ACC Resolution 14.33: The International Anglican Women's Network

The Anglican Consultative Council:

a. receives the report from International Anglican Women's Network, commends the network for its work and commitment, and encourages it to continue to raise and promote women's concerns in church and society

b. urges full implementation of ACC Resolution 13.31 (b.ii) across the Communion and encourages Provinces, through the IAWN Provincial links, to report on further progress made to ACC-15

c. requests that appointments to all Inter-Anglican Standing Commissions, and all other inter-Anglican Committees, design groups, or appointed bodies follow resolution ACC 13.31 (b.i) to provide equal representation of women on each body

d. unequivocally supports the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls, including trafficking, and encourages all Provinces to participate in programmes and events that promote the rights and welfare of women, particularly as expressed in the Beijing Platform for Action[1] and the United Nations Millennium Development Goals[2]

e. recognising the importance of appropriate allocation of financial resources, recommends implementation of the principles of gender budgeting throughout the Communion, and requests Provinces to report on progress made to Anglican Consultative Council-15.

ACC Resolution 15.07: Gender-based and Domestic Violence

Be it resolved that the Anglican Consultative Council:

as part of its continuing commitment to the incorporation and realisation of Millennium Development Goal 3 'Promote gender equality and empower women', as expressed in ACC resolutions 13.31[3] and 14.33:[4]

1. a. welcomes the Primates' Letter to the Churches, January 2011, concerning gender based violence[5]
   b. affirms that: 'In penitence and faith we must move forward in such a way that our churches truly become a living witness to our belief that both women and men are made in the image of God
   c. endorses the commitments outlined in the Letter

2. rejoices in initiatives already in place in our Provinces, dioceses and parishes in response to gender based violence and violence within families

3. recommends that each of the theological colleges and training schemes of the Anglican Communion ensure that curricula include at least one component designed to train all clergy and other ministers concerning:

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[1] For the Beijing Platform, see http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/platform/.

[2] For the MDGs, see www.un.org/millenniumgoals.

[3] For ACC resolution 13.31, see www.anglicancommunion.org/communion/acc/meetings/acc13/resolutions.cfm#s31.

[4] For ACC resolution 14.33, see www.anglicancommunion.org/communion/acc/meetings/acc14/resolutions.cfm#s33.

[5] A Letter to the Churches of the Anglican Communion from the Primates of the Anglican Communion following their Primates' Meeting in Dublin, Ireland, between 24 and 30 January 2011:
English: http://www.aco.org/media/68345/prim_gbv.pdf
French: http://www.aco.org/media/69684/gbv_primates_french.pdf
Spanish: http://www.aco.org/media/69690/gbv_primates_spanish.pdf
Swahili: http://www.aco.org/media/69693/gbv_primates_swahili.pdf
Portuguese: http://www.aco.org/media/69687/gbv_primates_portuguese.pdf

a. the nature and dynamics of gendered and domestic violence
b. how positive attitudes and behaviours among women, men, girls and boys can be encouraged and affirmed
c. awareness of the indicators often present in situations involving trafficking of girls and boys, women and men for sexual purposes and exploitative labour[6]
d. the scriptural and theological basis underpinning the work of eliminating gender-based and domestic violence

4. a. commends the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Primates of the L'Eglise Anglicane du Burundi, the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda and the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo for taking a lead in gathering other church and faith leaders and agencies in order to discern what might be said and done together in responding to sexual violence as a weapon of war and terror
   b. endorses and encourages Anglican engagement worldwide with the We Will Speak Out coalition of churches and Christian agencies against sexual violence[7]

5. a. commends Anglican church leaders for their public commitment to the White Ribbon campaign[8]
   b. endorses Anglican participation in the White Ribbon Campaign and the '16 Days of Activism for the Elimination of Violence against Women'[9]
   c. encourages all Anglican churches to mark White Ribbon Day (annually, 25 November) and the '16 Days of Activism for the Elimination of Violence against Women' (annually, 25 November to 10 December) in liturgy, prayer and study

6. asks all Anglican Provinces to:

   a. encourage their churches to provide an environment where boys and girls are equally valued and equally enabled to participate in learning and activities that foster positive and respectful relationships irrespective of gender, ability, and ethnicity
   b. develop age-appropriate Christian teaching resources to empower girls and boys to overcome gender stereotypes, and share these resources via the International Anglican Family Network and International Anglican Women's Network.

[6] Human trafficking indicators: www.unodc.org/pdf/HT_indicators_E_LOWRES.pdf

[7] The We Will Speak Out coalition against sexual violence (www.wewillspeakout.org) emerged from research commissioned by Tearfund, reported in 'Silent No More: The untapped potential of the church in addressing sexual violence', see http://www.wewillspeakout.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/Silent-no-more-FINAL.pdf

[8] The White Ribbon campaign has a number of national websites, eg, Brazil www.lacobranco.org.br; Pakistan www.whiteribbon.org.pk; Canada www.whiteribbon.ca; UK www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk; Australia www.whiteribbonday.org.au; Scotland www.whiteribbonscotland.org.uk; Aotearoa New Zealand www.whiteribbon.org.nz; Argentina & Uruguay www.lazoblanco.org; Chile www.lazoblanco.cl; Costa Rica www.lazoblancocr.blogspot.co.uk; Ecuador http://campanalazoblancoecuador.blogspot.ca.

[9] For details of the Sixteen Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, see http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu.

ACC Resolution 15.10: The trafficking of persons

Recalling Exodus 2.23 'Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.', and mindful of God's liberating action through human history,

1. laments and condemns the growing trafficking of girls and boys, women and men, for sexual purposes or exploitative labour;
2. welcomes work undertaken by the International Anglican Family Network and the International Anglican Women's Network to raise awareness of trafficking of persons, especially women and children, and draw attention to projects already being pursued by Anglicans in response to trafficking;
3. requests the Provinces of the Anglican Communion to:
   a) learn about, and raise awareness of, their own country's or countries' involvement in trafficking as senders and receivers or as a point of transit, and their level of implementation of the United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons,[10] Especially Women and Children, and the United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons;[11]
   b) identify resources available and activities already being undertaken nationally in addressing the elimination of trafficking;[12]
   c) report findings to provincial and diocesan synods or conventions with a view to evaluating how churches can engage prophetically and develop local and regional strategies in response to trafficking;
   d) promote and disseminate new and existing liturgical and theological materials relating to trafficking in persons as a resource for local churches;
4. requests the International Anglican Refugee and Migrant Network, the International Anglican Women's Network and the International Anglican Family Network to collaborate in:
   a) supporting Anglicans in this work by gathering and disseminating, and making available on-line, further resources and models of good practice from the churches in respect of trafficking in persons;
   b) reporting to ACC-16 on progress.

[10] United Nations Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children (the 'Trafficking Protocol'):
English: www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNTOC/Publications/TOC%20Convention/TOCebook-e.pdf, page 41ff
Français: www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNTOC/Publications/TOC%20Convention/TOCebook-f.pdf, page 41 et ss
Español: www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNTOC/Publications/TOC%20Convention/TOCebook-s.pdf, página 43 y s

[11] United Nations Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons:
English: www.unodc.org/documents/human-trafficking/United_Nations_Global_Plan_of_Action_to_Combat_Trafficking_in_Persons.pdf
Français: www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/refworld/rwmain/opendocpdf.pdf?reldoc=y&docid=4caadff52
Español: www.unhcr.org/cgi-bin/texis/vtx/refworld/rwmain/opendocpdf.pdf?reldoc=y&docid=4caae0052

[12] Eg, ECPAT: End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and the Trafficking of Children for Sexual Purposes, see www.ecpat.net

Resources:

- The International Anglican Family Network Newsletter on Trafficking and the Family, July 2010: http://iafn.anglicancommunion.org/media/55889/trafficking.pdf
- List of resources relating to trafficking in persons, gathered by the International Anglican Women's Network: http://iawn.anglicancommunion.org/resources/human-trafficking.aspx