

# **IS IMMIGRATION AN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S ISSUE?**

## **Security Council Resolution 1325:**

**Should LWV be interested? Should YOU???**

**What it is about: Women, Peace and Security  
Immigration includes all three**

"Women hold up half the world"... but they are not given credit for doing so nor are they often encouraged to take that role, particularly in times of war. Women are often viewed as victims while they should be viewed as active agents in building all aspects of peace.

The UN Security Council (SC), reacting to the insistent work of women within the UN family as well as NGOs (The LWV is an NGO), passed Resolution (SCR) 1325 in 2000 titled, "Women, Peace and Security".

### **Key provisions of SCR 1325: Insert "immigration" into key spots**

- Include more women in decision-making positions relating to peace and security at all levels – including all national governments...
- Consult with women and include a gender perspective when negotiating peace agreements, reconstructing post-conflict areas and preventing further conflict situations
- Provide training on the protection of women, their rights and needs and their participation in post-conflict peacekeeping operations
- Treat sexual and gender based crimes against women as war crimes.

### **What about the implementation of SCR1325?**

**Now women are working to make sure that SCR 1325 becomes a living document by holding the Security Council accountable for including women.**

Women attending the 2007 session of the Commission on the Status of Women expressed serious concern about the lack of commitment to action on the national level (of **ALL** countries) to SCR1325.

In a letter sent to the Secretary General and the President of the Security Council requesting full implementation it was pointed out that many studies and documented best practices confirm that women's representation and active participation in decision making processes at all levels was essential. **Where women were not present, problems persist.**

Couldn't the same thing be said about immigration problems?