

Wednesday, May 28, 2003
Speaking Notes for C.D. - 12:15 p.m.

Elder Deanna D. George from the Slay-waa-tooth Nation Reserve

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- ◆ 16th International Day of Action for Women's Health – Public Health Care: A Right for All Women
- ◆ BCHC's women's working group: Terrie, Marguerite, Sharon, Candace, Bev, Margi, Florence & Josie
- ◆ Thanks to Councillors – Woodsworth and Bass

◆ Some of the events happening around the Globe:

1. Sangmelima, Cameroon – women are hosting a workshop for government policy makers on women's access to health care and the government's responsibility for women's health.
2. Dhaka, Bangladesh – women are launching a journal on "Globalization, Reproductive Rights and Health."
3. Amsterdam, Netherlands – Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights is launching a new 3-year campaign on Women's Access to Health.

- ◆ **OUR Demand:** The recently announced Health Accord - federal government transfer to the provinces for health care – provides for the funding of new initiatives for Primary Health Care.
- ◆ **WE CALL** on the BC government to allocate money from this fund for the creation of a Reproductive Rights Fund for the women of BC. The purpose of this fund is to ensure that all women across BC have equal access to the full range of reproductive services now available to women in major centres.

SPEAKERS:

1. Ellen Woodsworth, City of Vancouver Councillor

2. Elsie Dean, WE*ACT

3. Joyce Arthur, Pro-Choice Action Network

4. Katalina Hernandez, Inland Refugee Society

5. Joan Meister, Pacific DAWN – Dis Abled Women's Network

6. Shelagh Day, BC CEDAW group