

## **Section of International Law and Practice (Annual Meeting 1984)**

BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association favors the accession of the United States to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, and urges the Senate to give its advice and consent to ratification of the Convention subject to the following reservations and declaration in the instrument of ratification, as well as any other appropriate qualifications that might be required in the absence of implementing legislation by Congress.

1. The United States reserves its right to apply the provisions of Article 6 (exploitation of prostitution), 10 (education), 13 (right to family benefits), 15 (contract and property rights), and 16 (domestic relations) consistently with the division of authority between the local, state and federal governments in the United States;
2. The United States shall implement all the provisions of the Convention over whose subject matter the Federal Government exercises legislative and judicial administration; with respect to the provisions over whose subject matter states of the United States exercise jurisdiction, the Federal Government shall bring to the attention of the competent authorities of the states the need to take appropriate measures for the fulfillment of this Covenant.
3. The United States declares that the substantive provisions of the Convention are not self-executing.