

## Treaty for Women's Rights

Open letter to President Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell and our U.S. Senators.

We, at GlobalGoddess.Org, implore you to support the Treaty of the Right of Women, approved by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on July 12, 2002.

This treaty, also known as CEDAW, is one of the most powerful tools used to promote the human rights of women globally. This treaty has already saved and helped women in the 170 ratifying nations.

This treaty was used to make domestic violence a crime in Colombia; it helped women secure their right to inherit land in Tanzania. Even the countries of South Africa, Uganda and Costa Rica have utilized the provisions of this treaty in their own laws.

Our diplomatic efforts are hindered by the lack of ratification by the U.S. to stop sexual trafficking, domestic violence and the deplorable denial of healthcare and education to women.

Ratification of this treaty would mean that there are no necessary changes to U.S. laws because the provisions in CEDAW are already similar to existing treaties on civil rights, political rights, race, torture and genocide.

It is important to point out that U.S. voters overwhelming support not only human rights for women domestically but globally as well.

Now is the time for ratification. Keep your promises to the women of the United States and to all women globally. Lead by example.

GlobalGoddess.Org was created to "help women globally" and we are interested in all efforts to improve the status of women, whether it is in our own backyard or abroad.

In Peace and Grace,

Bendis, Lisa, Meg and Regina