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Topic: “Child Labor”

The General Assembly, reminding member states of the importance of adhering to the Convention of the Rights of the Child and the International Labor Organizations protocols on child labor, but recognizing that challenges still lay ahead in the elimination of Child Labor,

Deeply concerned that children are being misled into low income jobs, sometimes as a result of their level of family poverty,

Fully aware that some children are taken out of their countries to be forced into child trafficking and slavery,

Noting with deep concern that children growing up in poverty are working instead of attending school,

Deeply disturbed that children are forced to work in hazardous conditions such as coalmines, agriculture, livestock processing, and factories,

Deeply regretting evidence that children are being forced into being armed soldiers in conflict situations,

1. Calls upon countries to ratify the advanced protocols to the Conventions of the Rights
of the child;

2. Supports the JEFES program and recommends that the JEFES program or similar programs be accepted in most countries;

3. Encourages inspectors to be trained to inspect corporations’ factories or facilities sporadically in search of violations of child labor;

4. Encourages increased funding from the governmental agencies both local and federal to schools in the developing world to reduce the need for tuition;

5. Invites NGOs to teach about gender equality and discourage parents from selling their females children;

6. Recommends that wealthier countries ban or boycott products made using child labor;

7. Supports other member states adopting a temporary subsistence allowances from the country’s GDP for families living at or below the poverty level;

8. Endorses programs providing seed allotments for family farming to provide additional income,

9. Raising awareness about eradicating child labor through the use of different media including, newspapers, children's books, television, and billboards;

10. Strongly supports governmental programs which both build and support schools in low income communities in efforts to help keep children in school while educating the parents of the benefits of breaking the cycle of child labor.