



Trade union organisations and representatives from the Global March Against Child Labour and the Stop Child Labour Campaign took part in workshop sessions hosted by the ICFTU and the WCL on 16 May 2006 in Brussels.

The workshop concluded that further cooperation between the trade union movement and the Global March and Stop Child Labour Campaign should be developed on the following basis:

- Their common commitment to work for the elimination of all forms of child labour, according to the definitions of ILO Convention 138;
- The right of all children to quality education provided as a universal public service, and the obligation of all governments and the international community to ensure that this objective is met, through comprehensive and coherent action;
- Elimination of child labour is closely linked to full respect for and application of ILO standards, in particular the core labour standards;
- Recognition of the essential role of tripartism, and of the respective roles of trade unions and of non-governmental organisations which are committed to the elimination of all child labour;
- The need for action against the worst forms of child labour under ILO Convention 182 to take place within overall concrete strategies for the elimination of all child labour and the provision of quality education, including through social mobilisation and concrete plans for the implementation of both Conventions 138 and 182;
- That formal education be expanded to provide for the integration of all transitional arrangements, including non formal education, so that all children have access to free quality education;
- That analysis and action must take into account the specific circumstances of girls and boys;
- The responsibility of private enterprises to ensure respect for international labour standards, in particular the core labour standards (which includes those concerning child labour), in their own operations and in their business relationships;
- The need for the international trade union movement, the Global March and the Stop Child Labour Campaign to exchange information on a systematic basis and examine possibilities for concrete collaboration in the future.