



Declaration of the Regional Conference “Alto al Trabajo Infantil, Sí a la Educación” (Stop Child Labour, Yes to Education)

**21, 22 and 23 of June 2006.
Tegucigalpa, M.D.C. Honduras, C.A.**

MEJOR LA ESCUELA

The undersigning organizations and trade unions, that have participated in the Regional Conference “Alto al Trabajo Infantil, Sí a la Educación”¹ (Stop Child Labour, Yes to Education) in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, from 21 – 23 of June 2006,

Considering the following guiding principles:

- A. The State is the first responsible to eradicate child labour and guarantee the right to education.
- B. Child labour and education are interrelated
- C. Every child has a right to quality education
- D. Non-formal education is to aim at integration of boys and girls into the formal education system
- E. All forms of child labour are unacceptable, for any child
- F. Eradication of child labour and realisation of labour standards are closely linked
- G. Eradication of child labour also implies working together with families towards the transformation of family strategies to overcome child labour from a child rights approach.
- H. Child labour causes and sustains poverty
- I. Companies have a responsibility to eradicate child labour in their operations.

Taking into account that:

- All children out of school are child labourers or are at risk to become child labourers
- About two million children have been identified as child labourers in the Central American region at the moment
- The work of children in the own household continues to be invisible in recent statistics on child labour
- Although all countries in the region have National Action Plans to eradicate child labour, no country is complying with the action lines set.



¹ The Regional Conference was organized by Compartir (Honduras) in cooperation with COIPRODEN and under auspices of Hivos / Stop Child Labour – School is the Best Place to Work campaign.

Recall that all countries in the region have subscribed to the Convention of the Rights of the Child, the ILO Conventions 138 and 182, the Dakar Framework Agreement on Education for All and the Millennium Development Goals, and thus have the responsibility to design policies that can be implemented to comply with these commitments.

Recognized the need to organize a regional conference with participation of the following countries: El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, in addition to special guests from India, Zimbabwe, Argentina and the Netherlands.

Agree on the need to form a regional platform including NGOs and trade unions to follow up the main action lines in order to eradicate child labour and prioritize children's access to and completion of formal education.

Propose the following action lines:

1. To create a regional platform that strengthens national and local networks, and articulates joint and effective action aimed at the fulfillment of the legal framework on the rights of children and adolescents.
2. To implement awareness raising activities with the involvement of all stakeholders at regional and national level in order to visualize and promote the earlier mentioned guiding principles.
3. To mobilize all actors and social sectors such as governments, private companies, communities, leaders, families, and children in the communality of purpose to eradicate child labour and fulfill children's right to education.
4. To realize audits and social control by members of civil society in order to demand the fulfillment of and effective budgetary allocation to national action plans for the eradication of child labour.
5. To manage resources that should guarantee the implementation of defined strategies.



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