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Topic: Eliminating Child Labour in the Workplace

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- 1 BEARING IN MIND the right of each Member State to national sovereignty,
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3 RECALLING the minimum working age of 15, as established previously by the Charter
4 of the United Nations and the International Labour Organization’s Minimum Age
5 Convention,
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7 TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the importance of raising awareness about child labor
8 among the populations of each Member State,
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10 EMPHASIZING the importance of promoting vocational training for children,
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12 REALIZING that not all Member States have the infrastructure available to provide
13 universal primary education to all children,
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15 RECOGNIZING that child workers often enter into the workforce because of issues of
16 poverty, unemployment, and underemployment of adults and thus families may require
17 tangible benefits before pulling children out of the workplace,
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19 NOTING the prevalence of a problem with the illegal transportation of children across
20 state borders, specifically to coerce them into the labor force,
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22 VIEWING WITH APPRECIATION the progress of many Member States on these issues
23 due to the Decent Work Country Programmes (DWCPs) that identify and find state-
24 specific solutions,
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26 1. ENCOURAGES Member States to implement vocational education after a period
27 of universal primary education, at the discretion of each Member State, as
28 previously agreed upon in the Millennium Development Goals and Universal
29 Declaration on Human Rights;
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31 2. REQUESTS Non-Governmental Organizations, such as Education International,
32 to provide assistance to countries who do not have the infrastructure to provide
33 the services themselves, at the discretion of each Member State who desires the
34 assistance;
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36 3. CALLS UPON the United Nations and its subsidiary bodies, such as United
37 Nation Children’s Fund and the World Food Programme, to establish programs
38 that provide food, clothing, and healthcare incentives to children and their

- 39 families in order to encourage child workers to attend school and complete a
40 primary education program;
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- 42 4. FURTHER ENCOURAGES Member States to investigate and implement
43 solutions to problems with port and border security through increased cargo
44 inspections and customs regulations, in accordance with the customs laws of each
45 Member State in order to prevent the trafficking of children across borders and
46 their coercion into the workforce;
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- 48 5. EXPRESSES ITS HOPE that all countries utilize the services of the International
49 Programme on the Elimination of Child Labor (IPEC) to develop DWCPs to
50 promote individualized solutions for each Member State so that they may make
51 progress in specific areas needing improvement in each country.