

Whereas the reconstruction period, during which all democratic nations will seek to restore and improve their instruments of social progress, affords a unique opportunity of reviewing the work already accomplished under the auspices of the International Labour Organization for the benefit of childhood and youth and of drawing up for the future a comprehensive policy by formulating the general principles to be followed in order to achieve these ends within the framework of the fundamental objectives of the International Labour Organization:

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization, meeting in its Twenty-seventh Session in Paris, this 4th day of November, 1945, hereby adopts the present Resolution concerning the protection of children and young workers:—

I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. The Conference, conscious of its obligation to further the material and spiritual advancement of working-people everywhere, reaffirms its conviction that in order to develop to the fullest extent the capacities of the workers and citizens of the future it is necessary that Governments, whilst encouraging the fullest discharge of individual and family obligations, should accept responsibility for assuring the health, welfare, and education of all children and young persons and the protection of all youthful workers of either sex, regardless of race, creed, colour, or family circumstances, both by national action and by appropriate measures of international co-operation.

2. The Conference recognizes that questions relating to the health, education, employment, protection, and general welfare of children and young persons are interrelated and cannot be solved in isolation.

3. The Conference further recognizes that certain of the matters dealt with in this Resolution will be primarily the responsibility of other inter-governmental agencies, either existing or projected, and expresses the hope that such agencies will carefully consider the views which are stated in the Resolution.

II. GENERAL SOCIAL PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

4. The Conference affirms its deep interest in the furtherance among the nations of the world of programmes which will make possible the complete abolition of child labour by providing for every child proper maintenance and such conditions of life as will foster the talents and aptitudes of the child and his full development as a citizen and worker.

A. *Maintenance*

5. All necessary measures should be taken to assure the material well-being of children and young persons by—

- (a) The adoption by members of policies calculated to secure full employment:
- (b) The provision of a living wage for all employed persons sufficient to maintain the family at an adequate standard of living:
- (c) Relieving the financial pressure on the family by such measures as subsidized housing suitable for family life, supplementary feeding for children, and other social services, family allowances, and tax concessions, thereby redistributing the cost of maintenance of children: