

IV GLOBAL CONFERENCE on the Sustained Eradication
of Child Labour

YOUTH SUPPORT AND COMMITMENT to the Buenos Aires Declaration



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We, the representatives of the youth for Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas, have gathered at the IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 14-16 November 2017, to align our actions with the Buenos Aires Declaration on child labour, forced labour and youth employment (hereinafter Declaration) which will orientate worldwide efforts on the issues of child labour, forced labour, and within that context, the promotion of decent work for all and for our young peers in particular.

1. Noting that recent worldwide estimations reveal that 152 million children are engaged in child labour, 73 million of them in its worst forms, that 25 million people, including over 4 million children, are still victims of forced labour and that 71 million of young people are unemployed, we gather our efforts to make the Declaration have a real impact in our society.
2. We believe that all stakeholders, including the youth need to work together in combating the causes that give rise to these issues such as poverty, lack of access to education, decent work deficits, lack of adequate social protection, migration as a consequence of crisis caused by conflicts and disasters, among others, all interrelated factors that deserve an integrated approach for their consideration. We believe that in this respect it is necessary to devote our efforts to the formation of social leaders who will focus on these issues from their youth and strive for their inclusion and empowerment in the different areas of society.
3. To that sense, on behalf of the youth, we demand from the International Community a comprehensive commitment to the pledge in target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals intended to put an end to all modern forms of slavery and human trafficking by 2030 and guarantee the prohibition and eradication of the worst forms of child labour, including the recruitment and use of soldier children; and by 2025, put an end to all forms of child labour.
4. We support and join the efforts the Alliance 8.7 is carrying out as a platform to enhance international cooperation, coordination and assistance in its aim to eradicate child labour, modern forms of slavery, human trafficking and child labour.
5. In the awareness that millions of youngsters lead their lives towards their dreams,



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and aspirations, but nevertheless, meet multiple challenges in their admission in the world of work, we believe in the need for urgent generation of policies and initiatives that promote decent work trajectories for the youth of the world and their full inclusion in the labour market without any discrimination.

6. We highlight gender equality as a fundamental principle to comply with the objective we are aiming at, including but not limited to the importance of designing and implementing policies that guarantee young mothers their continuity and/or inclusion in the labour and/or educational system.
7. Finally, we hereby express our gratitude to the Government of the Argentine Republic for hosting this IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour, which has allowed us to get involved in educational and participative actions. We also express our will to actively continue participating in the actions directed towards the eradication of child labour, forced labour and in the generation of quality jobs for all and in particular for the youth by introducing this declaration in our countries, which will become a starting point for our future actions. We hope that forthcoming Conferences will continue to involve youth as part of the dialogue process.