

ILO World Day against Child Labour: Call to Action

Today approximately one million children are employed in the global informal mining sector. Long ago, employment of children disappeared from the formal mining sector and it is now time to extend this to all forms of mining activity.

Leaders in the industry believe that this practice can and should be stopped. They join the ILO in its call to action addressed to those principally responsible: national governments and artisanal and small scale mining organizations, requesting that they take all steps necessary to stop child labour in mining.

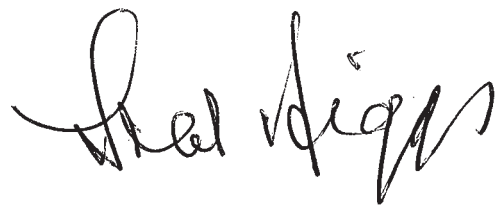
For their part the signatories will continue to ensure that no children are employed in their member organizations and will undertake activities to provide better employment or educational activities for those people who might be affected.

We, the International Council on Mining and Metals [ICMM] representing employers and the International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers, representing trade unions support the ILO in its initiative to eliminate child labour from any mining or quarrying activity.



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