

**Tripartite Meeting on the Future of Employment  
in the Tobacco Sector**Geneva  
24-28 February 2003

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**Resolution concerning child labour in the  
tobacco sector**

The Tripartite Meeting on the Future of Employment in the Tobacco Sector,

Having met in Geneva from 24 to 28 February 2003,

Recalling that tobacco growing requires over 40 million workers at farm level only,

Considering that, as in other agricultural sectors, child labour is prevalent especially in the poor areas, and that child labour cannot be sustainably dealt with in isolation from adult poverty,

Recalling the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and its Follow-up adopted by the International Labour Conference in 1998,

Recalling and reaffirming its support to the Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182),

Recalling and reaffirming support to the ILO Global Report under the follow-up to the Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work "A future without child labour", 2002,

Noting the initiative in October 2001 to establish the Foundation for the Elimination of Child Labour in Tobacco in which the ILO is the key adviser,

Adopts this twenty-eighth day of February 2003 the following resolution<sup>1</sup>:

The ILO Tripartite Meeting on the Future of Employment in the Tobacco Sector invites the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to:

- (1) Request the Director-General of the ILO to continue to promote the Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182), and to assist in their application in the tobacco sector.
- (2) Continue to encourage and assist as appropriate tripartite constituents to apply the fundamental principles and rights enshrined in the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work and its Follow-up (1998).

<sup>1</sup> This resolution has not yet been examined by the Governing Body of the ILO in accordance with established procedures and therefore cannot be considered as definitive.

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- (3) Promote social dialogue among the tripartite constituents to lead to the adoption of concrete measures to eliminate child labour in the tobacco chain.
  - (4) Urge member States to ratify and apply the Minimum Age Convention, 1973 (No. 138), and the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999 (No. 182).