

UK Written Statement
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Update on preparations for the V Global Conference on Child Labour

The UK aligns itself with the statement by IMEC.

The UK Government thanks the Office for this update.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the ILO on the significant achievement of the universal ratification of the Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labour.

We agree with the proposed next steps set out in the report and look forward to participating in discussions leading up to the V Global Conference on Child Labour, which we agree should be postponed to 2022 under the circumstances.

The UK has made good progress on pledges made at the last conference, including through the roll-out of Independent child trafficking guardians across England and Wales.

We welcome the work done by the Office to drive forward work to tackle child labour, not least given the significant impacts of the pandemic, and the effect it may have on progress made over the last 20 years on rates of child labour. We look forward to continued dialogue with the Office on child labour with a view to achieving the SDG target 8.7 by 2025.

We look forward to taking part in the planned consultation meeting prior to the 341st Session (March 2021) of the Governing Body to discuss the way forward.