"IPEC must be complimented for the massive role it has played in freeing the bodies and the young minds of millions of children worldwide; it provided hope and opportunity for them, but also to many millions of adults who were condemned into unemployment because of the pervasive use of child labour. Congratulations, IPEC, but please understand that your work is not over. With more than two hundred million children still to be rescued from child slavery the work of IPEC and of those who partner IPEC will continue for many years to come. As a leading worker spokesperson in 1998/99 when we adopted Convention 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labour, I am eternally grateful to IPEC for your successful work, and I urge you to maintain your fight for a better tomorrow for our children."

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