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I

Resolution concerning the Abolition of Anti-Trade Union Legislation in the States Members of the International Labour Organisation ¹

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Considering that the freedom of trade union activity is one of the conditions of economic and social progress,

Considering that the right of workers to form trade unions and to conclude collective agreements is confirmed by the Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise Convention, 1948, and the Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949,

Considering that the work of the Committee on Freedom of Employers' and Workers' Organisations (1955-56) and also the discussion of the Committee's report at the International Labour Conference and in the Governing Body revealed the existence in many States Members of the International Labour Organisation of laws violating basic trade union rights ;

1. Notes that the existence of such anti-trade union legislation hampers the improvement of the working and living conditions of the workers and is in contradiction with the fundamental purposes of the International Labour Organisation ;

2. Calls upon the governments of the States Members of the International Labour Organisation to take measures to abolish within the shortest possible time all laws and administrative regulations hampering or restricting the free exercise of trade union rights, to adopt laws, where this had not as yet been done, ensuring the effective and unrestricted exercise of trade union rights, including the right to strike, by the workers, and to guarantee the application of these laws in practice.

II

Resolution concerning Safety in Mines ²

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Considering the hazards inherent in some types of mining,

Considering the need to use all appropriate means to ensure the best possible working conditions and to prevent accidents in underground mines,

¹ Adopted on 26 June 1957 by 89 votes to 56, with 26 abstentions.

² Adopted on 26 June 1957 by 165 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions.