

Joint declaration

X Annual Meeting of the Network of Focal Points of the Regional Initiative Latin America and the Caribbean Free of Child Labour

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We, the Focal Points Network of the Regional Initiative Latin America and the Caribbean Free of Child Labour, designated by 31 governments of the region, workers and employers organizations gathered in Brasilia on the occasion of the 10th anniversary this Regional Initiative, reaffirm our commitment to work collectively, intensifying efforts to achieve a region free of child labour, in line with Target 8.7 of the Sustainable Development Goals. After several days of exchanges and joint work, we declare the following:

1. Strengthen Social Dialogue:

We reaffirm the tripartite model of the Regional Initiative, composed of governments, employers and workers, with the aim of ensuring a balanced and inclusive approach in decision-making, and progress towards the prevention and eradication of child labour and the protection of permitted adolescent work in the region.

2. Strengthen the Regional Initiative's Governance:

We agree to implement a roadmap to strengthen the governance of the Regional Initiative, consolidating its tripartite nature and promoting international cooperation for development, including South-South and Triangular, and Trilateral cooperation as essential mechanisms to achieve our objectives.

3. Strengthen national policies:

We commit to constructing and reinforcing public policies and legislative frameworks that foster the prevention and eradication of child labour and the protection of permitted adolescent work, as well as promote sufficient budgets and the active participation of employers, workers and governments.

4. Strengthen the dissemination of child labour knowledge in the region

Recognize the value of the Regional Observatory on Child Labour as a key tool for generating evidence and monitoring progress in the prevention and eradication of child labour, as well as in the protection of permitted adolescent work in Latin America and the Caribbean. We are committed to consolidating it and providing it with solid data so as to base our interventions on concrete evidence.

5. Advance in the eradication of the worst forms of child labour:

We commit to intensifying efforts to ensure that no girl, boy or adolescent is subjected to hazardous working conditions nor the worst forms of labour,



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through inter-institutional coordination and the implementation of ILO Convention 182, strengthening cooperation between key actors to achieve this goal.

6. Make the invisible visible:

We are committed to making the invisible visible, focusing on child domestic and care work, as well as on those forms of child labour that may emerge, putting special focus in those that present new challenges. No girl, boy or adolescent should be left out of our prevention, eradication, and protection efforts.

7. Advance in the linkage of the Global Partnership with Alliance 8.7:

We reaffirm our commitment to Alliance 8.7, positioning the Regional Initiative as the tripartite reference model in the global fight against child labour.

8. Promote and consolidate Strategic alliances:

We welcome and recognize the importance of strategic alliances with our development partners, such as Brazil (Brazilian Cooperation Agency, ABC), Spain (Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development, AECID, and the Andalusian Agency for International Cooperation for Development AACID), United States of America (United States Department of Labour, USDOL), and we will promote the expansion of these alliances with other partners and the private sector.

9. Implement the Roadmap 2025-2030:

We agree on a roadmap to accelerate actions to ensure the eradication of child labour and the protection of permitted adolescent work, moving toward the goal of achieving a Latin America and the Caribbean free of child labour by 2030.

10. We reaffirm our commitment to join forces to put an end to child labour once and for all.

With more than 8 million reasons to remain committed, we unite in this declaration, with the conviction that, with joint effort, we can achieve a region free of child labour. This commitment must continue to be strengthened, not only with words, but with concrete actions, sufficient resources and the collaboration of all sectors.

Joining forces for a Latin America and the Caribbean free of child labour.