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**CONVENTION CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION
AND IMMEDIATE ACTION FOR THE ELIMINATION OF
THE WORST FORMS OF CHILD LABOUR**

The General Conference of the International Labour Organization,
Having been convened at Geneva by the Governing Body of the International
Labour Office, and having met in its 87th Session on 1 June 1999, and

Considering the need to adopt new instruments for the prohibition and
elimination of the worst forms of child labour, as the main priority for
national and international action, including international cooperation and
assistance, to complement the Convention and the Recommendation
concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment, 1973, which
remain fundamental instruments on child labour, and

Considering that the effective elimination of the worst forms of child labour
requires immediate and comprehensive action, taking into account the
importance of free basic education and the need to remove the children
concerned from all such work and to provide for their rehabilitation and
social integration while addressing the needs of their families, and

Recalling the resolution concerning the elimination of child labour adopted by
the International Labour Conference at its 83rd Session in 1996, and

Recognizing that child labour is to a great extent caused by poverty and that the
long-term solution lies in sustained economic growth leading to social
progress, in particular poverty alleviation and universal education, and

Recalling the Convention on the Rights of the Child adopted by the
United Nations General Assembly on 20 November 1989, and

Recalling the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work
and its Follow-up, adopted by the International Labour Conference at its
86th Session in 1998, and

Recalling that some of the worst forms of child labour are covered by other
international instruments, in particular the Forced Labour Convention,
1930, and the United Nations Supplementary Convention on the Abolition
of Slavery, the Slave Trade, and Institutions and Practices Similar to
Slavery, 1956, and

Having decided upon the adoption of certain proposals with regard to child
labour, which is the fourth item on the agenda of the session, and

Having determined that these proposals shall take the form of an international
Convention;

adopts this seventeenth day of June of the year one thousand nine hundred and
ninety-nine the following Convention, which may be cited as the Worst Forms of
Child Labour Convention, 1999.

Article 1

Each Member which ratifies this Convention shall take immediate and effective
measures to secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour
as a matter of urgency.