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COMBATING CHILD LABOR IN THE AMERICAS

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Topic No. 2 of the Agenda

Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of Brazil

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The American Convention on Human Rights (Pact of San José, 1969) Article 19 – Rights of the Child which states that "Every minor child has the right to the measures of protection required by his condition as a minor on the part of his family, society, and the state";

The Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Children and Adolescents Objective 2 – Eradication of Child Labor that aims to "Promote national policies to eradicate child labor, especially in its worst forms, and ensure access to education, health care, and protection for all children";

The Reports from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) that highlights "Children in situations of poverty are disproportionately exposed to economic exploitation, including child labor, which violates their fundamental rights and prevents them from accessing education and other opportunities for development";

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) Article 32 that requires "States Parties recognize the right of the child to be protected from economic exploitation and from performing any work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education, or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development";

The International Labor Organization (ILO) Convention No. 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labor (1999) Article 1 that urges "Each Member which ratifies this Convention shall take immediate and effective measures to secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labor as a matter of urgency";

CONSIDERING:

Child labor is rampant in the Americas, particularly in impoverished areas where education is not available for young people and work is scarce for their parents and caretakers;

A lack of educational programs for children increases the likelihood that they turn to other means of economic stability, social acceptance, and overall life development;

A lack of development aimed directly at young people makes them more susceptible to being exploited by companies, especially in the form of child labor and child trafficking;

RESOLVES:

1. To commend the efforts of all delegations of the OAS in their efforts to prevent children from being taken advantage of and securing children's rights on all fronts.

2. To establish more robust, government-funded educational and developmental programs targeted children that include:
 - a. Day-care programs that care for children throughout the full duration of the workday;
 - b. After-school programs that incentivize children to be involved in sports, creative arts, or other social groups;
 - c. Preventative programs that educate children on the existence, dangers, and risk factors that contribute to child labor and/or other avenues that children might fall to if they cannot find their path in life;
 - d. Outreach programs that are tailored to serve rural communities that do not have convenient access to education or community resources that help children and their families.
3. To improve the availability of jobs for parents and caretakers by:
 - a. Incentivizing individuals to master a trade through scholarships, tax breaks, and guaranteed employment;
 - b. Increasing access to jobs in major sectors of the economy for rural and poor people, living outside of large cities and municipalities through transportation and remote work infrastructure.
4. To monitor the compliance of each state with the preexisting charters and their articles to ensure that an international standard for combating child labor is upheld.

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