

VII. COLLABORATION ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS

35. The Conference, realizing that the problems of children and young persons may be considered from many different angles and that other international bodies interested in certain aspects of these problems already exist or may be established, declares its conviction that the fullest collaboration between all the international bodies concerned is desirable in order to secure—

- (a) The exchange of information and the sharing of experience and technical knowledge so that each body may obtain a more comprehensive outlook on the needs of children and young persons:
- (b) Co-ordinated action so that, by utilizing to the greatest possible extent the respective means of international action, the progress of institutions and social measures for the well-being of children and young persons may be better assured.

APPENDIX 3.—RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE YOUTH OF LIBERATED COUNTRIES (ADAPTED 4TH NOVEMBER, 1945)

Whereas the Conference, at its Twenty-sixth Session in 1944, expressed the hope that the United Nations and other members of the Organization will unite their efforts to promote in every way the economic and social recovery of all the countries sorely tried by enemy occupation and the devastation of war, and asserted the determination of the International Labour Organization to associate its endeavours with the concerted will of the oppressed nations for the purpose of rebuilding their social life according to principles of international solidarity and of respect for the fundamental spiritual and human values;

Whereas victory has now been achieved and the liberation of the countries which suffered occupation is now an accomplished fact;

Whereas millions of children have died under enemy oppression and millions of others face a seriously compromised future since, in each of the occupied countries, countless numbers of children and young people have suffered from undernourishment and neglect, from the loss of parents, friends, and homes, from the horrors of concentration camps and the slavery of labour camps, from the complete lack of opportunities for educational, social, and cultural development, or, uprooted from their own countries, have lost their nationality and even their identity;

Whereas it is a universally recognized principle that children and youth constitute the first claim upon the services of relief and reconstruction:

The Conference, mindful of the sufferings and the heroic achievements of youth on the battlefield and in resistance movements and convinced that the speedy reconstruction of liberated countries is indispensable to the future security and happiness of all free peoples, hereby adopts the following resolution:—

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It is the earnest hope of the Conference that the nations of the world which are able to do so, and in particular those which have escaped the ordeal of occupation by the enemy, will continue to give as long as necessary full material and moral support to the task of reconstructing the liberated countries of Europe and will give similar assistance to the countries of Asia which have also now been liberated, in order that the collaboration of all free and united nations in this stupendous task may manifest their spiritual solidarity, their common ideals, and their mutual economic and social dependence.