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Resolution concerning the Contribution of the International Labour Organisation to the International Year for Human Rights in 1968¹

The General Conference of the International Labour Organisation,

Considering that the International Labour Organisation has pioneered in the field of human rights and has adopted a number of instruments concerning fundamental principles of human rights, such as the Conventions concerning freedom of association and protection of the right to organise, abolition of forced labour, discrimination in respect of employment and occupation, and equal remuneration for men and women workers for work of equal value,

Considering that the General Assembly of the United Nations in its resolution 1961 (XVIII) of 12 December 1963 designated 1968 as the International Year for Human Rights and in its resolution 2081 (XX) of

¹ Adopted on 20 June 1966 by 232 votes to 4, with no abstentions.

20 December 1965 called upon member States of the United Nations and Members of the specialised agencies, regional intergovernmental organisations, the specialised agencies and the national and international organisations concerned to devote the year 1968 to intensifying efforts and undertakings in the field of human rights, including an international review of achievements in this field,

Considering that the protection and advancement of human rights, as proclaimed by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948, are of fundamental importance for the fulfilment of the objectives of the International Labour Organisation,

Considering that the International Labour Organisation should pursue its standard-setting activities in conformity with the relevant articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights lying within its competence and should meet the new challenge of rapidly changing conditions in all parts of the world,

Considering the urgent need for concerted and increased efforts at the international level, including increased allocations for technical co-operation projects as well as staff and financial resources for the implementation of the objectives of International Labour Organisation and United Nations instruments of human rights, so as to ensure respect for these fundamental rights everywhere ;

1. Welcomes the decision of the United Nations General Assembly to designate the year 1968 as the International Year for Human Rights.

2. Notes with satisfaction the intention of the Director-General to make the human rights programme and action of the International Labour Organisation the central theme of his Report to the 1968 Session of the International Labour Conference.

3. Pledges the continued co-operation of the International Labour Organisation with the United Nations in the advancement of universal respect for and observance of human rights everywhere.

4. Appeals to member States which have ratified or will ratify the international labour Conventions concerning human rights to implement these Conventions fully, and invites those which have not ratified these Conventions to do so before 1968.

5. Calls on employers' and workers' organisations in member States to intensify their efforts during the International Year for Human Rights to achieve the implementation of the objectives of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

6. Invites the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to request the Director-General to make the necessary arrangements for close co-operation with the United Nations in the preparation of and participation in the International Year for Human Rights in 1968.

7. Invites the Governing Body of the International Labour Office to take the following action with respect to human rights questions falling within the competence of the International Labour Organisation:

- (a) to promote the observance of fundamental human rights in all member States ;
- (b) to review and assess the role, objectives and activities of the International Labour Organisation in the field of human rights, including the possibilities of extending standard-setting activities in this field ;
- (c) to encourage technical co-operation projects and advisory missions designed to promote human rights objectives everywhere ;
- (d) to consider the possibility of co-ordinating research, publicity, technical co-operation projects, advisory missions and standard-setting activities into a significant concerted programme, and of allocating adequate financial resources and staff to carry it out.