



CHILDREN LEAD THE WAY – CHILDREN AND YOUTH CONFERENCE

INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION

We, children need to know, understand and demand our rights in order to guarantee that they are enforced and implemented. It is the government, society and everyone's responsibility to implement, enforce and fulfill our rights.

We want spaces where children and youth have a voice and are involved as leaders in decision-making on matters that affect our lives and benefit us.

We, children demand dignified work in healthy working conditions, equal work for equal pay, and work that does not harm our physical, psychological, verbal or sexual integrity. We demand a working environment with no discrimination that considers our rights. We recognize the importance of work because it helps us become better people.

We, children recognize the existence of discrimination and violence, whether it is political, social, economical, racial, linguistic, cultural or religious, at home or in school. We dream of a world that is free of discrimination and violence. We need a society that is free of violence, that has equity and fairness, where we are treated properly and our grievances are taken into account.

We, children require a quality education in all areas. We want our rural communities to have access to schools with good infrastructure that adapt with time, where children have an opportunity to reach their full potential. We demand quality education that allows us to explore our talents and abilities. It is the government's responsibility to reinforce and implement our rights. We also demand that society supports access to all forms of education.

Human beings need Mother Earth, and it is our responsibility to protect, conserve and take care of it in order to maintain a clean and healthy environment. We also need the government and society to be responsible for taking care of the environment. Without the earth, there is no work or life. Say no to environmental exploitation.

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*This declaration has been written and by 12 delegates, age 13 to 16 years old, from **Bolivia, Canada, Kenya, Nicaragua, Paraguay and Peru**, based on the seven different National Declarations of boys and girls from Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Canada, Kenya, MOLACNNATs, Nicaragua and Peru.*

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