



Recommendation 2276 (2024)¹

Children in the world of work: eradicating harmful child labour

Parliamentary Assembly

1. The Parliamentary Assembly refers to its [Resolution 2548 \(2024\)](#) “Children in the world of work: eradicating harmful child labour”, highlighting the need for more effective action to end child labour by 2025 in line with the commitment of member States of the Council of Europe under Target 8.7 of the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Urgent and co-ordinated action by member States is necessary at national, European and international levels to meet this ambitious objective, using, among others, relevant Council of Europe instruments that provide a protective legal framework for children. The Assembly moreover strongly supports the Durban Call to Action, which was adopted on 20 May 2022 at the 5th Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour, and considers that it should serve as a basis for member States’ action.

2. The Assembly therefore asks the Committee of Ministers to recommend to member and observer States of the Council of Europe to:

2.1. take urgent action under the Council of Europe Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027), the European Social Charter (ETS Nos. 35 and 163 (revised)), the European Convention on Human Rights (ETS No. 5, Article 4 banning slavery and servitude), the Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse (CETS No. 201, Lanzarote Convention), the Convention on Cybercrime (ETS No. 185, Budapest Convention), the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (CETS No. 197), as well as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labour (Convention No. 182) of the International Labour Organization and the Durban Call to Action on the Elimination of Child Labour, in order to address the root causes of child labour and effectively eradicate child labour, in particular the worst forms of exploitation of children through forced work in sweatshops, the sex industry, armed forces or criminal networks;

2.2. accede to the above-mentioned legal instruments if they have not yet done so;

2.3. seize opportunities of co-operation with the European Union, the International Labour Organization, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations Children’s Fund with a view to accelerating global action to eliminate child labour.

1. *Text adopted by the Standing Committee, acting on behalf of the Assembly, on 24 May 2024 (see [Doc. 15982](#), report of the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development, rapporteur: Ms Eka Sepashvili).*

