

Agenda

Sunday, 9th may 2010

10 -11: Arrival, welcome and introductions

11,30: Opening of the meeting

14-16: Presentation and critical analysis of the official documents of the ILO Conference

16-18: Plenary session: general discussion on the ILO policies, the IPEC programme and the general aims of the Conference

18-20: Proposals to strengthen support for NATs Movements; follow-up of the MOLACNATS Bulletin and the special edition of the International Review NAT son the occasion of The Hague Events

Monday, 10th may 2010

9 - 10: Distribution of the NATS Statements at the Main entrance of the Conference venue

11-12: Discussion on the current reality of the NATs movements and possible future scenarios

12-13: Drafting of strategic lines of action in relation with international policies on Child Work

15-16: Videoconference with Alejandro Cussiánovich Villarán : « Another insight on Child Work »

16-18: Video Conference with MOLACNATS and the NATs Movements in Venezuela, Perú, Colombia and Paraguay

18-19: Proposals for the setting up of an European Network to support the NATs Movements: EUROANATS.

19-21: Drafting of the Final Statement; preparation of the Press Conference

Tuesday, 11th may 2010

9 - 10: Distribution of the NATS Statements at the Main entrance of the Conference venue

11-12: Press Conference

12-13: Conclusions and Close



•Meeting Venue

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EUROPANATs Meeting:

*Towards a world with work
in dignity for working
children and adolescents:
steps towards 2016*

The Hague

9-10-11 may 2010





An Alterantive Gathering

✓ The ILO (International Labour Organisation), and its IPEC (International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labour), is holding an International Conference in The Hague (The Netherlands) on May 10th & 11th aiming at defining strategies and steps to take in order to eliminate in 2016 the so called “worst forms of Child Labour”. As the European Network of Associations which support the Working Children Movements (NATs), EUROPANATS, in agreement with the Latin American Movement of NATs, MOLACNATS, we express our deep disagreement with the way this conference deals with the issue and its goals, and protest the disrespect shown by the organizers of the Hague Conference by neglecting to invite representatives of the NATs Movements to participate.

✓ We share the motivations of the majority of the participants invited to the Conference to contribute to a meaningful improvement of the lives of children, fighting with firm and stubborn determination against any exploitation of working children, while we reaffirm the urgent need to make children rights a reality all over the world. However, we have powerful arguments that make us doubt the specific approaches proposed by the ILO Conference might contribute to the achievement of these goals. The policies put

forward by the ILO on “Child Labour” cannot hold a serious analysis of reality based on scientific evidence, and are very far away from a child rights centered approach. Indeed, the ILO proposals take up the old paradigm of a coercive and authoritarian “protectionism” and a methodology that, when implemented, give way to repressive practices, quite far away from the real emancipation of children.

✓ That’s the reason why we have decided to organize an alternative meeting, called for by EUROPANATS and MOLACNATS with the attendance of Working children movements’ delegates and collaborators. The main goal of this meeting is to denounce, with the legitimate aim to contribute in a positive and critical way, the very serious fact that the organized working children’s representatives have not been invited to the ILO conference, showing an unacceptable disrespect of the CRC, and its strict principle of participation as an inherent right of all children. We will also present an alternative way of understanding, and acting on the reality of Working Children, taken directly from the life, work and organization experience of working children and adolescents. We will also put forward alternative proposals for action that take into account the demands of the NATs for new policies of inclusion and emancipation in order to achieve work in dignity for all.



Objectives of the Meeting

1. To discuss about the “Global Movement against Child Labour” and the ILO Road Map and to reflect on the best ways to react to it from the NATs Movements, their collaborators and EUROPANATS.
2. To draft alternative strategic lines of action on international policies on “Child Work”.
3. To Draft an action program of solidarity with the NATs by the supporting individuals and groups in Europe and EUROPANATS.
4. To discuss and take decisions on the follow-up of the MOLACNATS bulletin and the International Review NATs, and its special edition on the ILO Conference.
5. To reach agreements with the NATs and collaborators from Latin America on the best way to support their movements, as well as the Working Children Movements in Africa and Asia.
6. To call for a Press Conference and carry out public actions in front of the official Conference venue.