

The New York Declaration 1990

Young people in conflict: Building their tomorrows together

The missions of AIEJI's XII World Congress are to promote dialogue that facilitate international awareness and understanding of young people's needs, and to encourage constructive activities that improve the well-being of young people in conflict throughout the world.

Therefore, be it resolved: The XII World Congress affirms its commitment of behalf of young people throughout the world as follows:

1. To unite workers for young people in conflict, whatever their functions and with respect for their personal beliefs;
2. To contribute to the professional training, development and organization of workers for troubled young people;
3. To develop and implement constructive interventions based on the right of children to be safeguarded from psychological and physical threat or harm;
4. To promote study in the field of young people in need on a national and international level; and
5. To promote on-going linkages between national and international associations and organizations in order to better serve troubled young people.

Further

The participants of the XII World Congress and AIEJI pledge:

To advocate that all national and international social and economic programs under

consideration give the utmost priority to meeting the needs of both the child and the family;

To advocate for all governmental programs to recognize the fundamental need of children to be raised in a stable family;

To advocate for the elimination of incarceration and the death penalty of minors; and

To advocate that all countries sign the United Nations Declaration of Children's Rights and the Convention.

Further be it resolved

AIEJI pledges that with the changes of the political climate in Eastern Europe and with the recognition of the needs of young people therein, to promote exchange and technical support as it does in the developing countries.

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