



PERC Youth Committee's statement for International Youth Day

On 17 December 1999, by Resolution 54/120, the United Nations General Assembly declared 12 August International Youth Day. However young people still live in a world, that is not youth friendly. Young people are more prone to a fragile economy and live closer to the poverty line of other age groups. The global recession is likely to be a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the means for the survival of young people will be disproportionately affected. After the global economic and financial crisis in 2008, the youth unemployment rate grew faster than that of an adult and lasted significantly longer than the recovery. The economic recession which is very likely to follow current crisis is likely to be similar. Young people who also work disproportionately in the informal sector are more likely to be excluded from public policies and incentive packages that address the pandemic of economic influences. Young migrants and non-residents may also face higher education rates of exploitation and abuse of labor, as they are often excluded from national social protection measures. Environmental problems continue and will seriously affect the future world of work. We have only one planet and we want to have green decent and environmentally responsible jobs, that will guarantee future for all.

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in difficult economic conditions and social impacts around the world. The youth are particularly vulnerable group. Young people are at a lower level than was before. A large number lost their jobs, so they were left without adequate social protection. Young people tend to work more in sectors such as retail and catering (including tourism), which are most affected by work bans, including travel bans, introduced to control the virus. Young people are often on temporary contracts or precarious jobs, so they are more likely to be fired first.

On this important day, we ask the Governments all over the world to:

Ensure, that labour legislation is properly implemented and guarantees for you young people a chance to have a safe and secure jobs and a decent living income.

Guarantee right to organize and for peaceful assembly and right to fight for their labour and human rights.

To build partnership with young people demands for change for better either in terms of democracy, human or labour rights.

To ensure harassment and violence free environment at work and home through ratification ILO convention 190.

We demand to ensure recovery policies, that would guarantee, that young people would not be the ones carrying the consequences of Covid – 19 crisis.

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