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Education & Employment / Public Education:

Draft Resolution: Stress the Importance of Public Education for Universal Welfare

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WHEREAS governments throughout the world are often encouraged to promote and provide public money to schools with minimal public accountability and limited value to society as a whole, and

WHEREAS as early as 1978 the OECD Ministers of Education noted that public education represented, "a desire to free people *from* disadvantage, to unbind them, rather than a proposal *to* free them to undertake some particular enterprise" [1] and that public education is a way to redistribute power to the population of a country, and

WHEREAS groups in society are pressuring governments for increased individual or special interest group control of education and/or increased access to the education sector from a commodity approach, and

WHEREAS teacher unions throughout the world are experiencing frontal attacks on their legitimacy such that they need to join together to show that there are viable alternatives to the market driven reforms

BE IT RESOLVED that in all of its activities working with governmental and nongovernmental groups EI stress the significance of using publicly supported education as a means to improve the welfare of all groups within society and oppose the use of public funds for education that is not universal in nature.