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The fight against all forms of child labor is of great importance for Finland. To this end, the Finnish Government has implemented various legislative reforms aimed at increasing the realization of children's rights and the Government has carried out a reform program in child and family services.

The current Finnish Government Program includes various measures concerning children. For example, it pays special attention to reducing crimes against physical integrity and life or health, especially crimes against children and intimate partner violence. The Government also aims to promote an equitable, child- and family-friendly Finland through a strategy for children and is committed to assessing the child impact of its decisions, developing a children's budget, increasing knowledge on child welfare and promoting the inclusion of children and young people.

Finland fully agrees on the need to prohibit and immediately eliminate the worst forms of child labor. However, the provision of appropriate opportunities for young people to gain work experience should not be condemned. The international community should explore ways to intervene more effectively in such activities.

The Confederation of Finnish Industries and Employers said that children's participation in working life also has an impact on the economic development of countries and that it would therefore be a mistake to try to ban all forms of work by children. Attention should focus more on the extreme cases and the forms of work that are most detrimental to children's well-being.

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