**Country:** Ethiopia

**Committee:** United Nations International Childeren’s Fund (UNICEF)

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Ethiopia defines a child as a person who’s under the age of 18. And in Ethiopia every childeren have right to not to be subject to exploitative practices, neither to be required nor permitted to perform work which may be hazardous or harmful to his or her education, health or wellbeing.

Ethiopia legalized the minimum age for work to be at 15, while the minimum age for hazardous work is set at 18. Because Ethiopia believes the minimum age to be specified in conformity with the Convention shall not be less than the age of completion of compulsory schooling and in any case, shall not be less than 15 years. Ethiopia also, prohibits employment (for wage or profit) of any person less than 15 years of age, permits the legal employment of children 15 to 17 years old (referred to as “young workers”). And also only allows children to perform non-hazardous activities and work for a maximum of seven working hours per day (compared to the eight working hours for adults).

Ethiopia has many policies and programmes to prevent child labor. Such as The 2016 – 2020 National Action Plan focused on prevention, protection, rehabilitation and reintegration; UNICEF-Funded, Government of Ethiopia Programmes which aim to improve social safety nets and access to education and give psychosocial support to children.

Education of all children and parents is a keystone to prevent child labour and the associated consequences. In enforcing legislations on child labour, the government, non-governmental organisation (NGO), and the public should view child labour as a menace in children’s development, with risk of psychiatric disorders. Policy design should accommodate the interests of children

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