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## **Voted Resolution of the South Caucasus Youth Parliament**

**(2012)**

**ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC MIGRATION, WE, THE SOUTH CAUCASUS YOUTH PARLIAMENT ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

Whereas there is high level of poverty and unemployment,

We call upon the national governments to increase economic activities to build factories, promote farming in rural areas, exploit and process the national resources of the country when done in a sustainable way only;

Whereas the low level of economic activity in rural areas causes migration flows to big cities and foreign countries,

We call upon the national government to install favorable conditions for migrants to return in order to make use of their experience, knowledge and skills;

Whereas there is unstable economic situation in the country as a consequence of migration,

We call upon proper enforcement of the antimonopoly law and the anticorruption law in order to enable medium and small businesses, entrepreneurs in order to increase the workforce;

Whereas there is lack of equal opportunities for business to be established caused by monopolies, corruption, insufficient law enforcement,

We call upon the national government to lower the tuition fees for state universities without sacrificing the quality of education;



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Whereas there is lack of sufficient access to services such as: cheap higher education and lack of scholarships, affordable medical services,

We call upon the national government to provide health care services for the poor to guarantee the minimal standards for living;

Whereas there is an extreme inequality between the poor and the rich and lack of middle class,

We call upon the national government and businesses to provide opportunities for career development to students after graduation;

Whereas there is brain drain of intellectuals to other countries because of bad career opportunities, low salaries, lack of innovation in enterprises,

We call upon the national government to invest in innovation in order to increase the number of high knowledge jobs.

**ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL PROTECTION, WE, THE SOUTH CAUCASUS YOUTH PARLIAMENT REQUEST THE FOLLOWING:**

Whereas socially excluded and disabled children are isolated from society and they study separately,

We call upon our governments:

- To make appropriate conditions to adjust the public transportation for people with disabilities to involve them into the society and make all places accessible for them;
- To have inclusive education with all necessary conditions to reach equality. For instance: special social workers, individual learning programs and ramps in school buildings;
- To make the media and other cultural, entertainment programs available for people with disabilities;



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Whereas the number of homeless and abused children is increasing,

We call upon the government to open centres where homeless can stay and study, because it is better to learn how to fish than to give them a fish;

Whereas vulnerable groups are discriminated,

We call upon the government to conduct assessment to understand the basic situation about the children subjected to violence;

Whereas there are families who force their children to work and beg,

We call upon our government:

- To raise awareness on human rights and the issue of violence against children, homeless children, disabled children and possible solutions. And organize trainings and seminars on human rights.
- To make necessary changes in legislation related to children rights, to prevent cases of violence towards children;

Whereas children become subject of violence and they are not integrated into societies,

We call upon the government:

- To establish special organizations which will help with integration of abused children into society and to hire special workers and psychologists who will go to their places and help them;
- To establish organization youth groups which will support the disabled children and children subject to violence, to integrate them back into the community;



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- To provide psychological support to the families of the children, subjected to violence to help them reintegrate into the society;

Whereas child labour increases rapidly,

We call upon our governments to organize social packages for the families to provide social benefits as well as trainings and employment opportunities;

Whereas elderly are not integrated in society,

We call upon our government to create opportunities for elderly people to work, spend time and take part in social programs.

**ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND HEALTH, WE, THE SOUTH CAUCASUS YOUTH PARLIAMENT REQUEST THE FOLLOWING:**

Whereas there is a lack of participative methodology in educational systems in Georgia and Armenia,

We call on our government to provide more training and seminars for teachers in participative methodology;

Whereas there is a need for appropriate conditions and space for active learning,

We call on our local governments to improve the school infrastructure by providing funding for laboratories, computer pools etc;

Whereas there is a need of learning new methods of education from other countries,

We call on the European Union to start exchange programs between European countries and Georgia/Armenia;



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Whereas there is the limited recognition for motivated pupils and students to go further in their learning,

We call on the Ministries of Education to provide scholarships or rewards for good students;

Whereas cigarettes are accessible and there is high mortality rate due to smoking,

We call on the national governments to raise the prices of cigarettes;

Whereas young generation spends more time on the internet and computer games rather than doing sports,

We call upon the Ministries of Health of Georgia and Armenia to organize youth sport competitions among different countries to motivate young people to do more sport.



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**ON THE INITIATIVE OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY,  
WE, THE SOUTH CAUCASUS YOUTH PARLIAMENT REQUEST THE FOLLOWING:**

We, the youth of the South Caucasus declare that our environment is in danger because of different reasons. According to the Armenian and Georgian statistics the main problem is garbage.

We hereby recognize that:

There is a high level of garbage pollution in Armenia and Georgia.

Fact: Over 80% of marine pollution comes from land-based activities,

We, therefore, call upon the governments to create a special commission that will deal with the issue of waste management in Georgia and Armenia. They can hold special tenders for companies that will give the possibility to concentrate and solve the waste problems.

Whereas there are infrastructural problems that inhibit correct management of garbage disposal processes such as:

- No access to recycle places in cities and rural areas
- No proper waste areas, or dangerous areas (for health)
- Insufficient and / or few garbage trucks
- Insufficient trash cans in cities and rural areas

We call upon the government of Armenia and Georgia to build recycling factories in each region. In order to sell waste, earn money and buy develop relevant infrastructure;

Whereas there is a lack information and awareness about recycling,

We call upon the government to cooperate with media and organize campaigns for relevant target groups. And open a special website, to prepare and introduce colorful posters close to the trash cans;

Whereas we recognise that there is a need of sorting recycle bins,



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We call upon the governments to take example of European countries. For example, in Germany there are colorful bags and trashcans for different kinds of garbage;

Whereas there are insufficient legal control mechanisms to solve waste problems,

We call on the Armenian and Georgian government to act upon in official legislation and rules. To introduce more control on the streets and install video cameras in main districts.

*(All resolutions have been adopted with a relevant majority on 30 March 2012 by the South Caucasus Youth Parliament)*