

Resolution on Social Protection

This 7th International Congress of StreetNet:

NOTING

That informal economy employment and activities has grown the world over, and that more than 80% of the world population survive through economic activities in the informal economy either in planned or unplanned areas.

The insecurity, precarious working conditions, and lack of access to appropriate risk management tools which helps in cautioning the impact of working and living conditions.

The importance of social protection to the lives of every citizen now and in the future which may also improve the economy of the world.

OBSERVING

Governments' bias in the application of Social Protection instruments with concentration on formalized workers,
but acknowledging informal economy economic contributions to the national economies and that informal economy workers are workers like any other workers

APPLAUDS

The UN Universal Declaration on Human Rights on the application of Social Protection to all, Article 22 and 25 which states as follows:

Article 22:

Everyone, as a member of society, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization, through national effort and international cooperation and in accordance with the organization and resources of each State, of the economic, social and cultural rights indispensable for his dignity and the free development of his personality.

Article 25:

Everyone, has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability,

widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control. Motherhood and childhood are entitled to special care and assistance. All children, whether born in or out of wedlock, shall enjoy the same social protection.

HEREBY RESOLVES

That StreetNet engage the UN especially the ILO to mainstream Social Protection coverage to all its member states by domesticating the Social Security Convention (no. 102), the Social Protection Floors Recommendation (no. 202) and the Transition from the Informal to the Formal Economy Recommendation (no. 204).

That each StreetNet Affiliate advocate and petition its government to extend Social Protection coverage to the workers in the informal economy with technical and all necessary support from StreetNet.

Proposed by: 7th Congress Commission on Social Protection

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