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Globalization has given countries the opportunity to enter huge markets and show their ongoing development. But what are the benefits for workers, the real performers of wealth and development? Is there equity at the moment of sharing profits and benefits?

The ILO (International Labor Organization) has issued a Declaration on fundamental principles and rights at work, founded on the conviction that social justice is essential to universal and lasting peace.

Some of the principles are :

- Whereas economic growth is essential but not sufficient to ensure equity, social progress and the eradication of
 poverty, confirming the need of the ILO to promote strong social policies, justice and democratic institutions.
- Whereas the ILO should give special attention to the problems of persons with special social needs, particularly
 the unemployed and migrant workers and mobilize and encourage international, national and regional efforts
 aimed at resolving their problems and promote effective policies aimed at job creation.
- Whereas in seeking to maintain the link between progress and economic growth the guarantee of fundamental
 principles and rights at work is of particular significance in that it permits people to claim freely their fair share
 of the wealth they helped to generate.

The International Conference of ILO recalls, among other aspects:

- That these principles and rights have been expressed and developed in the forms of specific rights and obligations
 in different Conventions recognized as fundamental both inside and outside the Organization.
- Declares that all the Members have an obligation to respect, to promote and to realize the principles concerning
 the fundamental rights of people, namely:
- Freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining.
- The elimination of all forms of compulsory labor.
- The elimination of discrimination and respect to employment and occupation.