



INTERNATIONAL YEAR  
FOR THE ELIMINATION  
OF CHILD LABOUR

## GOVERNMENT

Federal Republic of Germany, Germany  
pledges to

**Take on the global responsibility to work  
hard to be more effective in the fight  
against child labour and forced labour**

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### **Name:**

Taking on global responsibility - Working hard to be more effective in the fight against child labour and forced labour.

### **Description:**

Applying to be a Pathfinder Country and planning a national workshop:

The Federal Republic of Germany hereby declares that it will work hard in the fight against child labour and towards the elimination of forced labour. Germany will therefore apply for Alliance 8.7 Pathfinder Country status this year. A workshop with the aim of defining national priorities for an action plan is being planned in connection with this for the fourth quarter of 2021.

Adoption of national legislation on human rights due diligence in supply chains:

Within the framework of national legislation on human rights due diligence in supply chains, Germany plans to regulate corporate responsibility for human rights due diligence in supply chains before the end of the year.

### **Implementation plan:**

The German Government will take the International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour 2021 as an opportunity to focus on a renewed effort to eliminate child labour worldwide by 2025 and forced labour by 2030.

The Federal Republic of Germany will officially apply to become an Alliance 8.7 Pathfinder Country and will hold an expert-level national workshop.

The aim of the national legislation on human rights due diligence in supply chains (Lieferkettensorgfaltspflichtengesetz) is to require companies based in the Federal Republic of Germany, and branches not based in Germany, to undertake human rights and environmental due diligence if they are above a certain size in order to live up to their responsibilities in their supply chains. In terms of this legislation, human rights explicitly refers to the ILO core labour standards, including the prohibition of child labour and forced labour.

The legislation on human rights due diligence in supply chains is currently working its way through the parliamentary process and is expected to be adopted soon.

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**Impact:**

By becoming a Pathfinder Country, we will be committing ourselves to work even harder to see Sustainable Development Goal 8.7. achieved. In this regard, above all the workshop will be a cornerstone of a national strategy and will be a very important step towards defining measures to be taken.

Seventy-five million children are working under particularly exploitative and dangerous conditions around the world, in quarries and in coffee and cocoa plantations, producing goods destined for the German market, too. The planned legislation on human rights due diligence in supply chains aims to improve the international human rights situation by establishing requirements for the responsible management of supply chains for certain companies. It provides for a strong authority for the monitoring and enforcement of compliance with due diligence obligations that will be granted corresponding powers to take action to intervene. The Federal Government will provide support to companies in effectively implementing the requirements.

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