



RESOLUTION ON COLOMBIA

The Fourth World Congress of Education International, meeting in Porto Alegre (Brazil) from 22 to 26 July 2004:

1. **Reiterates** its serious concern regarding the situation in Colombia;
2. **Denounces** the constant aggression and threats affecting trade unionists and teachers;
3. **Calls upon the Executive Board to:**
 - press national governments and inter-governmental bodies at the global and regional level, to end military support for the Colombian government,
 - use their best efforts to insist that social and educational regeneration is given priority, on the basis of a right to free, high quality, public education.
 - urge the Colombian authorities to guarantee teachers' safety and professional and trade union rights, to enable them to play their key role in building a lasting and democratic civil society.
4. Further **calls** on the Executive Board to give a high priority for programmes for displaced children and teachers in the coming three-year period, in collaboration with appropriate NGOs.