RESOLUTION ON THE SITUATION IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIAN REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

The Third World Congress of Education International, meeting in Jomtien, Thailand, from 25 to 29 July, 2001:

1. **Cannot condone** demands for political rights through the use of force and terror. Therefore, the Congress strongly supports the legal authorities of FYR Macedonia in their attempt at settling all open issues through dialogue. In this respect, the Congress also urges international institutions, such as the UN, the Council of Europe, the EU and NATO, to continue giving the necessary support to the democratically elected leadership of FYR Macedonia so that it can find a quick solution to the current crisis;

2. **Bearing in mind** that these unwanted events have an extremely negative influence on the development of FYR Macedonia, particularly on the development of and reforms in the education sector and the living conditions of workers and all citizens, pledges that the Education International will undertake all necessary measures and activities, including calling upon international financial organisations and EI affiliates worldwide to extend material and financial assistance and other forms of benefits to their colleagues in FYR Macedonia so that they can overcome the current crisis more quickly and easily;

3. **Calls** on the Macedonian government to recognise and accept the rights of indigenous Albanian Macedonians to learn in their mother tongue in schools and to participate in public administration in Macedonia;

4. **Encourages** the EI affiliate in the country to continue its activities before the competent state bodies for re-establishing normal conditions for continuation of education in all the schools located in the affected regions.