RESOLUTION ON HIV/AIDS

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

1 **Notes with concern:**
   - the new data presented by the UNAIDS report at the July 2004 World AIDS Conference in Bangkok, showing an increasingly rapid spreading of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, also to areas which until recently had not been affected;
   - the introductory remarks by the UN General Secretary, Mr. Kofi Annan, highlighting that the efforts of the international community lag behind the existing needs;
   - the recent shift by some important partners in the international donor community away from the crucial intervention areas such as prevention activities, including school health programmes;
   - that in the light of this recent shift of priority, the HIV/AIDS prevention projects implemented by our unions are under serious threat.

2 **Expresses** on behalf of its members its appreciation to EI and partners for the fact that through their HIV/AIDS prevention programme about 2,000 trainers of trainers have been reached; over 50,000 teachers received training on HIV/AIDS prevention in 17 countries; this was achieved in close cooperation with the ministries of health and of education.

3 **Recalls** the recommendations and resolutions on school health and HIV/AIDS prevention adopted by previous EI congresses in 1995 (Harare) and 1998 (Washington) and by EI’s Executive Board in 2000 (Brussels).

4 **Calls upon EI:**
   - to give programmatic and budgetary priority at global and regional level to combating the HIV/AIDS pandemic in the education sector through a wide variety of activities such as teacher training, and the like;
   - to take the lead and coordinate activities which will ensure the continuation and the expansion of the HIV/AIDS prevention projects not only for our unions and countries but also in other countries where the needs are increasing; we emphasise the need to expand the programme beyond prevention activities.

5 **Calls upon all EI affiliates**, in particular those in the industrialised countries, to support the HIV/AIDS prevention programme and make all efforts to seek support at governmental and non-governmental level for this programme.