

## RESOLUTION 1.10

# THE RIGHT TO EDUCATION FOR REFUGEE AND STATELESS CHILDREN

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### The 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Education International, meeting in Ottawa from 21 to 26 July 2015:

1. **Notes** that many countries are engaged with sometimes recurring armed conflicts;
2. **Notes** that, in some countries, civil wars create rifts based on ethnicity, religion or political affiliation;
3. **Notes** that many individuals and whole families flee their country to be safe from the conflicts;
4. **Recalls** that the right to education is a fundamental right;
5. **Recalls** that Education fosters understanding of and respect for others, and therefore plays an important role in preventing violence and conflicts;
6. **Affirms** that children born stateless, much like children who arrive in a foreign country after their parents' exile are generally particularly vulnerable as concerns their rights;
7. **Affirms** that States with a common border with a country experiencing conflict take in a large number of such children, and are therefore particularly affected;
8. **Affirms** that the living conditions of such refugees are often catastrophic (camps set up by NGOs) ;
9. **Mandates the EI Executive Board to:**
  - a. Approach, after consultation with the relevant regional EI structures, international organizations and ask them to provide assistance to the governments, particularly when there is a significant influx of refugees;
  - b. Organize a specific initiative on this topic (a conference, for instance).
10. **Asks** affiliates
  - a. to require the governments of countries receiving refugees to implement quality education for such children;
  - b. that the problem of the language of schooling not be an obstacle for refugees;
  - c. plan activities and actions for peace education.