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**32:** percentage of the world's children aged 5-14 working in Africa (2 of every 5 African children, ILO 1998)

**61:** percentage of the world's children aged 5-14 working in Asia (1 of every 5 Asian children, ILO 1998)

**60-70:** percentage of children aged 5-14 forced into the sex trade who become infected with HIV/AIDS each year (Free a Child)

**100:** number of states that, as of September 2001, have ratified the International Labour Organization's 1999 Convention (No. 182) on the Worst Forms of Child Labour (ILO 2001)

**8,000:** number of children (ages unspecified) abducted and forced to become child soldiers and slaves in northern Uganda in 1997 (Amnesty International)

**10,000:** estimated number of children aged 6-14 enslaved in brothels in Sri Lanka (Global March Against Child Labour 1997)

**25,455:** number of children under 18 working in prostitution in the Dominican Republic (UNICEF 1999)

**200,000:** number of children (ages unspecified) trafficked every year in West and Central Africa, employed on fishing vessels and farms, in prostitution, and in sweatshops (UNICEF 2001)

**300,000:** number of children under the age of 18 actively fighting in 41 countries (Human Rights Watch 2001)

**500,000:** number of children (ages unspecified) recruited into governmental forces and armed groups in more than 87 countries (Human Rights Watch 2001)

**866,000:** number of children (ages unspecified) the Government of Brazil has agreed to withdraw from the worst forms of child labor by the end of 2002 (ILO 2000)

**926,038:** number of children aged 15-17 engaged in some form of economic activity in Sri Lanka (ILO 1999)

**1 million:** number of children (ages unspecified) forced into the sex trade each year (Free the Children 2001)

**1-2 million:** estimated number of American children under age 18 employed under unlawful, often exploitative conditions (American Academy of Pediatrics 1995)

**2 million:** number of children (ages unspecified) killed in conflict in the last decade, another six million having been injured or disabled and twelve million made homeless (UNICEF 2001)

**3.6 million:** number of children aged 5-14 working in the Philippines in 1995, 216,000 of whom were aged of 5-9 (Global March Against Child Labour 2000)

**20 million:** estimated number of children under age 15 working in Latin American and the Caribbean (UNICEF 1995)

**120 million:** number of children aged 5-14 estimated to be working full-time in the world (ILO 1998)

**250 million:** number of children aged 5-14 working in developing countries who combine work with school or other activities (ILO 1998)

*Correction to 31/2 Index: The number of Palestinians exiled from their homelands following the 1948 war should have read 700,000-800,000.*

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