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Various Authors, [*On Collective Ownership*]⁵⁵

Considering that, in terms of property, the modern mode of production tends towards the accumulation of capital in the hands of a few and increases the exploitation of workers; that it is necessary to change this state of affairs, which is the starting point for all social evils;

Congress considers [it necessary] to bring about collective ownership – that is, that groups of workers should take possession of the social capital. [Congress further declares that a socialist party] truly worthy of the name should include the principle of collective ownership not in a distant ideal, but in its present programmes and its daily manifestations.

⁵⁵ The text contains one of the resolutions adopted at the Verviers Congress of the 'autonomist' IWMA, which took place from 6 to 8 September 1877. These were published on September 16, in the newspaper *Le Mirabeau*, with the title *Compte rendu du 9e congrès général de l'Association Internationale des Travailleurs*. It may be found in PI, IV: 535.