

United Nations Children's Fund

Topic: Children in Armed Conflict

Co-Sponsors: Angola, Bosnia, Bolivia, Cambodia, Colombia,

Cote d'Ivoire, Denmark, El Salvador, Fiji, Georgia, Ghana,

Guyana, Honduras, Kazakhstan, Libya, Morocco, Myanmar,

Netherlands, Nicaragua, Peru, Qatar, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Spain,

Tanzania, Uganda, United Arab Emirates and Zimbabwe.

The United Nations Children's Fund,

Reminding all nations of the importance of children in armed conflict,

<u>Deeply concerned</u> about the continued actions and abuses against children,

<u>Desiring</u> a world where children have the opportunity to live, be free from fear, grow, learn and be protected and taken care of,

<u>Reaffirming</u> the principles of Security Resolution 2143, which protects schools from attack and mainstreams child protection issues into military training, standard operating procedures and rules of engagement,

Expressing its appreciation for previous actions and attempts, but concerned about the inadequacy of these efforts,

- 1. Requests that children be kept out of the fighting by having better monitoring of the military and calls upon all member states to control their military forces better to ensure that children and innocent civilians are not targeted, though such measures as:
 - i. Raising the minimum age of military service in some countries from 16 to 18
 - ii. Eliminating as many weapons as possible in villages, cities and towns, so children do not have access to them
 - iii. Enforcing arms trade monitoring systems to ensure that arms do not go to groups who violate child protection laws
 - iv. Returning children to their families when the children have been taken away from their parents;
- Demands that all parties in the conflict allow free and protected access within zones of conflict so that NGO trauma services and specialized counselors can be brought to internally displaced children and children in refugee camps;
- 3. Promotes specialized education for the children after the conflict to help with any mental problems they might have;
- 4. Calls upon all member states to pay the assistance money we have promised so we are able to use the assistance money to be able to provide education to children in times of conflict;
- 5. Approves continuing access to Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration services for all children who need them, as well as adding an "E" for education to DDR;
- 6. Further proposes having adoption services and special trauma support for children who have lost their families in conflict;

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- 7. Supports teachers visiting refugee camps to provide children a primary education; and
- 8. Requests the building of hospitals for any wounds the children might have gained during the conflict as well as special sport programs.