

Children and Armed Conflict

MONTHLY UPDATE:
FEBRUARY 2014

Recommendations to the Security Council

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Seven parties in the Central African Republic are listed for the recruitment and use of children. Two parties (CPJP and APRD) had concluded an action plan. The Lord's Resistance Army is listed for killing and maiming and for rape and sexual violence. The African Union will report to the Security Council on the deployment and activities of MISCA and France will report on its mandate to support MISCA. The Sanctions Committee will report on the implementation of the arms embargo. **The Security Council should:**

- **Provide MISCA sufficient resources** to restore security in the country and protection of civilians, including through additional personnel and materials;
- **Increase military patrolling** in provinces where military deployments and humanitarian actors remain limited;
- **Support the deployment of MISCA's civilian component** to ensure adequate human rights monitoring and child protection expertise;
- Urge MISCA and supporting forces to **adopt standard operating procedures** on encountering children associated with armed groups and transferring them to DDR programs.

FRANCE IS THE LEAD COUNTRY ON CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC.

SOUTH SUDAN

The Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) is listed for recruitment and use of children. In 2009, the SPLA signed its first action plan with the United Nations. In May 2012, the new Government of South Sudan concluded a revised action plan. The Secretary General will report on the implementation of resolution 2132 (2013), pertaining to recent hostilities in South Sudan.

Council Members should:

- Urge all parties to **honor the ceasefire agreement**, which includes refraining from attacks on civilians and recruitment and use of children;
- Support efforts by the African Union's Peace and Security Council to **establish a commission of inquiry** into the human rights abuses, and violations committed against children, in the country;
- Call on all parties to allow and facilitate **the safe passage of aid** to all populations in need.

THE UNITED STATES IS THE LEAD COUNTRY ON SOUTH SUDAN

SUDAN/SOUTH SUDAN

Government security forces of both Sudan and South Sudan are listed for the recruitment and use of children. The Secretary General will inform the Council of the progress in implementing UNISFA's mandate, and the status of compliance with resolution 2046 (2012), pertaining to an end in hostilities and negotiations under the auspices of the African Union High-level Implementation Panel, including the status of the disputed Abyei area. **The Security Council should:**

- Call on Sudan and the SPLM-N to **engage in direct talks and allow unimpeded delivery of humanitarian assistance** to the areas affected by the conflict;

Situations before the Council involving parties listed for grave violations against children:

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SUDAN/SOUTH SUDAN (cont'd)

- Recall and call on all parties to fully implement the relevant conclusions of the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict (S/AC.51/2012/1 and S/AC.51/2012/2);
- Request the Secretary-General to continue to ensure the monitoring and reporting of grave violations against children and to include the matter of children and armed conflict as a specific aspect of all reports.

THE UNITED STATES IS THE LEAD COUNTRY ON SUDAN/SOUTH SUDAN

SUDAN (DARFUR)

Nine parties, including both Government forces and non-state actors, are listed for recruitment and use of children. The Secretary General is expected to present options on improving UNAMID's effectiveness. The Sanctions Committee will provide its quarterly report to the Council. The mandate of the Panel of Experts to support the Sanctions Committee is up for renewal. **The Security Council members should:**

- Call on all parties to allow the **unimpeded delivery of humanitarian assistance** and encourage the Sanctions Committee and Monitoring Group to pay particular attention to the denial of humanitarian assistance;
- Urge all relevant United Nations entities to increase outreach to parties to elicit commitments to **end violations and to conclude action plans**;
- **Extend the mandate of the Panel of Experts**, and Request the Panel of Experts to **investigate perpetrators of grave violations against children** and to recommend the Sanctions Committee designate them for the imposition of targeted measures.

THE UNITED KINGDOM IS THE LEAD COUNTRY ON SUDAN (DARFUR)

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PHILIPPINES

The Secretary-General's report was published on 12 July 2013. Three non-state armed groups are listed for the recruitment and use of children. The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) concluded an action plan in 2009.

- For detailed recommendations, see Watchlist's [Monthly Update for August](#).

SYRIA

Two parties are listed. The Free Syrian Army is listed for recruitment and use. Syrian Government forces are listed for killing and maiming, rape and other forms of sexual violence, and attacks against schools and hospitals. The Secretary-General's report on the situation of Children and Armed Conflict in Syria is expected to be released early February.

- For detailed recommendations, see Watchlist's [Monthly Update for January](#).

Presidency of the Security Council for February: Lithuania

- Party to the Geneva Convention I - IV, Additional Protocols I and II, Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocol, ILO Convention 182, Rome Statute of the ICC; Endorsed the Paris Commitments.

NGO resources

- Human Rights Watch, They Came to Kill: Escalating Atrocities in the Central African Republic, December 2013 
- War Child Holland, Syria: Child Rights Situation Analysis, January 2014 
- World Vision, Stand With Me: Children's Rights Wronged (Syria), January 2014 

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