

## Recommendations to the Security Council

### IRAQ

The Islamic State of Iraq / Al-Qaida in Iraq is listed for multiple grave violations against children. The Security Council is expected to renew the mandate of the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI).

**The Security Council should:**

- Call on the Secretary-General to **ensure the full deployment of child protection advisors**;
- Request the Security Council Sanctions Committee established pursuant to resolutions 1267/1989 to **incorporate violations against children in the narrative summary** pertaining to Al Qaeda in Iraq;
- Encourage the Government of Iraq to **establish an inter-ministerial committee** to discuss and follow up on child protection concerns with the Country Task Force on Monitoring and Reporting;
- Request the Secretary-General to continue to **include the matter of children and armed conflict as a specific section of his reports** on UNAMI as required by Resolution 1998.

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### SOMALIA

Two parties, the Government and Al-Shabaab, are listed for both recruitment and use and killing and maiming. The Government has signed two action plans to end violations. The mandate of the relevant Sanctions Committee encompasses grave violations against children, but no individuals or entities have been subjected to sanctions on this basis. The Security Council is expected to receive reports on the work of the Sanctions Committee and its Monitoring Group and to renew the mandate of the Monitoring Group. The Council is also expected to receive a report from the Emergency Relief Coordinator on humanitarian assistance. **The Security Council should:**

- Request the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict and the UN Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM) proactively to **share information with the Sanctions Committee and Monitoring Group** on those responsible for grave violations against children;
- Request the Monitoring Group to **investigate grave violations against children** and to **recommend appropriate further measures** to the Sanctions Committee including the designation of additional individuals or entities and the incorporation of grave violations against children in narrative summaries for individuals and entities already subject to targeted measures;
- 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.

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### SOUTH SUDAN

The Sudan People's Liberation Army is listed for recruitment and use. In May 2012, the Government of South Sudan concluded an action plan to end such violations. The Security Council is expected to renew the mandate of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS). **The Security Council should:**

- Call on the Government of South Sudan and all relevant United Nations entities to ensure **timely implementation of the action plan** concluded in May 2012;
- Request the Secretary-General to **strengthen the Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism** and to **maintain the deployment of child protection advisers** within UNMISS; ▶

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

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## SOUTH SUDAN (cont'd)

- Call on donors to provide **additional support to the disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration** of former child soldiers.

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## SUDAN (DARFUR)

9 parties, including both Government forces and non-state actors, are listed for recruitment and use of children in Sudan. The Security Council is expected to renew the mandate of the AU-UN Hybrid Operation in Darfur (UNAMID). **The Security Council should:**

- Call on all parties to **immediately cease violations against children** and to **hold accountable the perpetrators** of those violations;
- Call on those parties that have signed action plans to **ensure the timely implementation of these action plans**;
- Encourage the Government of Sudan and the United Nations to **enhance efforts to conclude negotiations on an action plan** covering all Government forces;
- Urge all relevant United Nations entities to increase **outreach to other parties to elicit commitments to end violations** and to **conclude action plans or to adopt consider alternative measures** to end violations where action plans cannot be concluded;
- Encourage UNAMID to **continue and to strengthen child protection activities**;
- Call on the Government of Sudan and all UN Member States to provide **full cooperation to the International Criminal Court** including in the arrest and surrender of suspects.

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## Recommendations to the Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

### MYANMAR

The Secretary-General's report (S/2013/258) was published on 1 May and introduced to the Working Group on 20 May 2013. Seven parties, including state and non-state actors, are listed for recruiting and using children. The government signed an action plan in June 2012 to prevent and end recruitment of children into the Tatmadaw Kyi (national army), including the integrated Border Guard Forces (BGFs). In its conclusions, the Working Group should:

- Call on the Government of Myanmar to ensure the full and immediate **implementation of the action plan** by the Tatmadaw Kyi and the Border Guard Forces without exception, including through wide **dissemination** of the action plan within the Tatmadaw Kyi, **criminal prosecution** of child recruiters, and permitting **unimpeded access** by the UN to military sites to identify and to secure the release of underage recruits;
- Request the Government of Myanmar to **facilitate UN access to all listed armed non-state actors** for the purposes of humanitarian dialogue with a view to concluding action plans and to **include the protection of children affected by armed conflict in peace processes and ceasefire negotiations**;
- Call on **donors and the international community** to ensure that assistance to support security sector reform in Myanmar contributes to tangible change through the prevention of child soldier recruitment and use, including by strengthening recruitment procedures and age verification mechanisms and independent monitoring and oversight in the armed forces and the BGFs;
- Urge the CTFMR and the Government of Myanmar to **disseminate action plan commitments to communities and local civil society** as a means to build broad support for accountability, response and prevention measures.

### Presidency of the Security Council for July: United States

- Party to Geneva Convention IV, Optional Protocol to the CRC, and ILO Convention 182.
- Not yet a party to Additional Protocol I or II to the Geneva Conventions, the Convention on the Rights of the Child, or the Rome Statute of the ICC. Has not endorsed the Paris Commitments

## NGO resources

- Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict, Where Are They? The Situation of Children and Armed Conflict in Mali, June 2013 
- Child Soldiers International, Chance for Change: Ending the recruitment and use of child soldiers in Myanmar, January 2013 
- Child Soldiers International, Briefing on the situation of underage recruitment and use by armed forces and groups in Myanmar, May 2013 

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