

## Recommendations to the Security Council

### CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC / CENTRAL AFRICAN REGION (LORD'S RESISTANCE ARMY)

Seven parties in the Central African Republic are listed for the recruitment and use of children. The Lord's Resistance Army is listed additionally for killing and maiming and for rape and other forms of sexual violence. The Secretary-General will submit a report on UNOCA and the LRA by 15 May 2013. A report on BINUCA is also expected by 30 April 2013. **Concerning the LRA, Council Members should:**

- Welcome the **conclusions of the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict** and call for their full implementation by all parties;
- Express full support for the **UN Regional Strategy** and for the **African Union Regional Cooperation Initiative** on the LRA and call on all parties to cooperate in their full implementation;
- Call on all Member States to **deny safe haven to members of the LRA** and to support efforts to **arrest LRA leaders** subject to arrest warrants by the International Criminal Court;
- Call on donors to provide more support to the **long-term reintegration of children separated** from the LRA.

**Concerning other armed groups in CAR, Council Members should:**

- Demand that all armed groups prevent the recruitment and use of children and that the CPJP and the UFDR **implement the provisions of action plans** signed with the UN;
- Call on the SRSG for the CAR and Head of BINUCA to **ensure support to action plan implementation** and, in coordination with the SRSG for Children and Armed Conflict, to **engage armed groups with a view to concluding action plans** to put an end to the recruitment and use of children.

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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 Security Council is expected to mandate a new Special Political Mission. **The Security Council should:**

- Ensure that the **monitoring and reporting** of grave violations against children and **support to the implementation of the action plans** signed by the Government are among the **core functions** of any mission;
- Request the Secretary-General to ensure that the mission is **adequately staffed with dedicated child protection advisers** with direct access to senior mission leadership;
- Recall its decision in resolution S/RES/2093 (2013) to **apply targeted measures** to individuals and entities responsible for grave violations against children;
- Call on the international donor community to increase support to **disarmament, demobilization, reintegration and resettlement** of children.

**UNITED KINGDOM IS THE LEAD COUNTRY ON SOMALIA.**

### SUDAN / SOUTH SUDAN (ABYEI)

The Security Council is expected to renew the mandate of the UN Interim Security force for Abyei (UNISFA). The armed forces of both Sudan and South Sudan are listed for the recruitment and use of children. **The Security Council should:**

- 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); ▶

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

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## SUDAN / SOUTH SUDAN (ABYEI) (cont'd)

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- 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.

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## SUDAN / SOUTH SUDAN

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The Secretary-General is expected to brief the Security Council on compliance by Sudan, South Sudan, and the SPLM-N with decisions set out in resolution 2046 (2012). All three parties are listed for the recruitment and use of children. **Council Members should:**

- Demand an immediate cessation to all hostilities and **full compliance with international humanitarian law**, in particular the **prohibition on indiscriminate bombardments**;
- 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);
- Call on the Governments of Sudan and South Sudan to **facilitate United Nations access to non-State armed groups** for the purposes of humanitarian negotiations with a view to concluding action plans.

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### MYANMAR

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The Secretary-General is expected to introduce a new report and negotiations are expected to start in April 2013. Seven parties, including state and non-state actors, are listed for recruiting and using children. The government signed an action plan in 2012 to prevent and end recruitment of children into the Tatmadaw Kyi (national army), including the integrated Border Guard Forces. 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, including through institution of **age verification** procedures, **criminal prosecution** of child recruiters, and permitting **unimpeded access** by the UN to military sites in accordance with the action plan;
  - 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 the conclusion of action plans;
  - Urge the **Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator to prioritize engagement** with the Myanmar Government on action plan implementation;
  - Request the Secretary-General to ensure **sufficient specialized staff** to support action plan implementation and monitoring and reporting of violations;
  - 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.
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### PERSISTENT PERPETRATORS

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Security Council Resolutions 1998 (2011) and 2068 (2012) call on the Working Group to “consider a broad range of options for increasing pressure on persistent perpetrators of violations and abuses committed against children in situations of armed conflict”. In considering these options, the Working Group will find useful guidance in the Report of the Workshop “Children and Armed Conflict: How to Deal with Persistent Perpetrators?” convened at Princeton University by Watchlist, the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein and the Liechtenstein Institute for Self-Determination.

### Presidency of the Security Council for May: Togo

- Party to Geneva Convention IV, Additional Protocols I and II, Convention on the Rights of the Child and its Optional Protocol, ILO Convention 182; Endorsed the Paris Commitments.
- Not yet a party to the Rome Statute of the ICC.

### NGO resources

- Child Soldiers International,  Chance for Change: Ending the recruitment and use of child soldiers in Myanmar, January 2013.
- Watchlist, Liechtenstein and LISD (Princeton), Report of the Workshop “Children and Armed Conflict: How to Deal with Persistent Perpetrators?”

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