

Committee: Human Rights
Subject: Children in the armed forces
Proposed by: Romania

1 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

2 *Recognizing* the numerous extremist groups that are currently active, as well
3 as the number of armed conflict currently spreading across areas of the
4 Middle East, Africa, and elsewhere,

5 *Deeply disturbed* by the number of children that are currently living in the
6 centers of war zones, at risk of being killed or recruited by an armed group,
7 where they suffer abuse and danger constantly,

8 *Recognizing* the work already done by United Nations to ensure safety of
9 children, such as reaching out to all armed groups to end the practice of
10 using child soldiers, and launching their "Children Not Soldiers" campaign'

- 11 1. Urges governments of individual countries that are in situations of
12 armed conflict to work on creating legislation to protect children living
13 in these areas, as well as persecuting those that are responsible for
14 the use and exploitation of these children;
- 15 2. Solemnly affirms that there are leaders who refuse to negotiate with
16 the other sides, forcing foreign and domestic conflicts in their countries
17 to continue, thus allowing armed groups to continue using children to
18 do their work undetected and without punishments;
- 19 3. Notes that currently, more developed nations are producing millions
20 upon millions of lethal weapons every year, and exporting them to
21 places such as North Africa, Asia, and the Middle East, where civil wars
22 rage on, and children are at risk because of this;
- 23 4. Invites the United Nations to continue taking action and confronting
24 these armed groups, to continue its work towards the goal of no
25 children being used as illegal soldiers, and towards a global standard
26 of 18 years of age for military service;

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5. Requests that nations exporting firearms and other lethal weapons take discretion in their exports to areas where dangerous conflicts that put children at risk are concerned, as well as lessening production and upping standards for who can obtain these weapons;
6. Congratulates the United Nations and countries around the world that have already created programs, laws, and disciplinary actions to protect their citizens during times of war and times of peace.