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Subject: Report on the rights of the child and violations of the human rights of children in armed conflicts - Human Rights Council Resolution 55/29

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights welcomes inputs from civil society regarding Human Rights Council resolution 55/29 on the rights of the child.

In the aforementioned resolution, the Human Rights Council decided to focus its 2026 annual full-day meeting on the rights of the child on the theme of the rights of the child and violations of the human rights of children in armed conflicts and invited the High Commissioner for Human Rights to prepare a report on that issue to be presented to the Council at its sixtieth session. It also requests that this work be carried out in consultation with States, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, civil society and other relevant stakeholders.

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights would be grateful to receive any relevant information for the preparation of this report. Information is sought, in particular, on how governments are implementing their obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child to take as a primary consideration the best interests of the child in all actions concerning children in situations of armed conflict. Views and information would be welcome in relation to the following:

- (1) Nature of violations: What are the most significant human rights violations experienced by children in conflict zones, committed by State and non-state actors, and considering the direct and indirect, immediate and long-term impacts of armed conflict on children?
- (2) Adequacy of current protections and remedies: How effective are the current efforts by governments, international and regional bodies, and local actors in preventing these violations, protecting children and providing accountability for child victims? Please share examples of specific approaches or programs that have proven effective or require improvement.
- (3) Barriers to effective protection: What challenges impede fully prioritizing the right of the child to have his or her best interests taken as a primary consideration in situations of armed conflict?
- (4) Recommendations for strengthened protection and accountability: What specific actions should be taken to ensure children's best interests are prioritized in situations of armed conflict and in ensuring accountability for violations of their human rights? What are your recommendations for ensuring that the views of children affected by armed conflict are systematically heard and considered in conflict-related accountability processes?

Please consider the specific situation of marginalized children and those in particular situations of vulnerability in your response.

Please provide any relevant statistical or disaggregated data based on age, gender, disability, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation and gender identity, migration status, or other categories.

Information should be sent to Sulini Sarugaser, Human Rights Officer, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (e-mail: ohchr-registry@un.org, cc: sulini.sarugaser@un.org) by **08 January 2025**. The information provided, which should not exceed 5 pages, will be made available on the OHCHR website.



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