

SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Children:
Protection of Children Affected by Armed Conflict

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

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1 *Recalling* the Geneva Convention of 1949 and article 38 of the Convention on the Rights of the
2 Child that established the rights and special needs of children,

3 *Bearing in mind* Security Council resolutions 1261 and 1314 that note the implications of the
4 violation of children's rights and its effect on regional and international peace and security,

5 *Commending* the efforts and accomplishments of the Special Representative and Child
6 Protection Advisor programs,

7 *Recognizing* the validity of the Garc'a Machel Special Report A/51/306 which asserts that war
8 violates every right of the child,

9 *Convinced* that children are the future leaders of the world and that education is the key to
10 raising diplomatic global citizens,

11 *Deeply concerned* that over 9,600 are killed or maimed by landmines each year, hundreds of
12 thousands of children are utilized as child soldiers, and over 20 million have been displaced by
13 armed conflict,

14 *Understanding* that the necessary financial responsibilities for establishing a safe environment
15 for children can be a large burden for developing countries;

16 *Realizing* that the implementation of regional and international programs for the protection of
17 children requires financial obligations from all member states involved,

18 *Emphasizing* the need for greater global cooperation and in turn increasing the well-being and
19 protection of children worldwide,

20 1. *Reaffirms* its strong commitment to the protection of the rights of children as outlined in
21 the Geneva Convention and the Convention on the Rights of the Child;

- 22 2. *Encourages* Member States that are not party to these conventions to ratify and use them;
- 23 3. *Calls upon* member states to promote the efforts of the Special Representative and the
24 Child Protection Advisor programs, which are designed to liberate children from
25 dangerous armed conflict situations;
- 26 4. *Recommends* that all countries consider the Education For All (EFA) movement, an
27 Inter-Governmental Program used to promote the education of children, ensuring their
28 protection in armed conflict;
- 29 5. *Promotes* the establishment of health facilities, which provide services for children who
30 have been affected by armed conflict;
- 31 6. *Encourages* member states to acknowledge the importance of the family unit which
32 provides children with the proper emotional, social and physical support needed to
33 flourish in correlation with the standards set by the Convention of the Rights of the
34 Child;
- 35 7. *Supports* the work of existing organizations striving towards the reintegration and
36 rehabilitation of children who have been affected by armed conflict;
- 37 8. *Calls upon* member states to assist developing countries in the funding of programs,
38 which work for the protection of the rights of children in the context of war;
- 39 9. *Advocates* that the use of funding from Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO), in
40 conjunction with the multilateral efforts of the United Nations Development Programme
41 working in partnership with the 5th committee's Advisory Committee on Administrative
42 and Budgetary Questions in a collective effort to enhance programs that create a secure
43 and peaceful environment for children;
- 44 10. *Suggests* that funds be directed to the works of the Child Protection Advisors and that
45 such funds be provided by NGO's and the private sector and IGO's;
- 46 11. *Applauds* the efforts of member states in regional and international cooperation
47 concerning the promotion and protection of children affected by armed conflict;
- 48 12. *Calls for* the designation of the Special Representative for Children in Armed Conflict as
49 a permanent position, as an IGO, in recognition of the severity and pervasiveness of the
50 problem of children in armed conflict;
- 51 13. *Calls upon* this body to hold the World Summit for Children every five years to
52 reevaluate the Convention on the Rights of Children and, as one of the duties of the
53 Special Representative, to insure that children's issues may regularly receive the
54 attention they deserve.
- 55 14. *Requests* the General Assembly to examine solutions to situations of socio-economic
56 instability in order to promote the feasibility for all member states to sign the Optional
57 Protocol.

Final Vote: 67 in favor / 5 opposed / 19 abstentions