



American Model United Nations
General Assembly

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SUBJECT OF RESOLUTION: Follow-up to the Outcome of the Special Session on Children

SUBMITTED TO: The General Assembly

SUBMITTED BY: Sierra Leone, Mozambique, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire

The General Assembly

1 *Realizing* the fact that numerous children are involved in conflict situations as
2 either child soldiers or as victims of violence,

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4 *Recognizing* the devastating effects displacement of children as refugees and
5 Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) has on the life of the child,

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7 *Recalling* the UN Charter which calls for the General Assembly to take the
8 primary role in the maintenance of peace and security,

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10 *Also noting* that war and conflicts eliminate opportunities for children and leads to
11 poverty, propensity to the spread of AIDS, violence, underdevelopment, illiteracy,

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13 *Guided by* the former steps toward increasing children's opportunities in the midst
14 of conflict situations including the 1959 Declaration of the Rights of the Child, the 1989
15 Convention on the Rights of the Child, the 1990 World Summit on Children, and the
16 2002 Special session on Children,

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18 *Taking into consideration* the fact that children need opportunities in the wake of
19 violence and conflict,

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21 *Having studied* the effects of conflict on children both as child soldiers and
22 victims of violence,

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24 1. *Endorses* the work of NGO's in assisting children in conflict situations
25 especially with programs like "Guns for Education" where children trade in their guns
26 and lives of violence for education;

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28 (a) Noting that these programs have worked in Sierra Leone and other
29 nations;

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31 (b) Recognizing that these programs may be adapted to other conflict

32 situations in other regions;

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34 2. *Draws the attention* of the global community to the benefits of removing
35 children from conflict situations through safe houses, and educating them so that they
36 may become useful members of society;

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38 3. *Encourages* member states to financially support the work of these NGO's who
39 provide programs which aid children in conflict situations, especially children refugees;

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41 4. *Requests* that the UN create a overarching working group of interested member
42 nations and NGO's to discuss programs that work in situations of conflict involving
43 children;

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45 (a) Asks that this group meet within a year,

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47 (b) Encourages this working group to create a comprehensive report of the
48 current programs that affect children in conflict situations,

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50 (c) Calls upon this working group to submit its report to the General
51 Assembly for review;

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53 5. *Urges* the deployment and increased role of child protection advisors (CPAs)
54 in peacekeeping missions;

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56 6. *Stresses* the need to make children's issues a central part in all efforts to
57 resolve conflicts.

Passed, Yes: 55 / No: 12 / Abstain: 19