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### **28. Children and armed conflict**

During the period under review, the Security Council held four meetings and adopted two resolutions in connection with the item entitled “Children and armed conflict,” as listed in table 1 below. In its deliberations, the Council focused, *inter alia*, on issues of recruitment of child soldiers, military use of schools, attacks on hospitals and schools, the need to integrate child protection into the work of field missions, impact on children of non-state armed groups, such as ISIS and Boko Haram, and the abduction of children.

By resolution [2143 \(2014\)](#), the Council expressed support to the UN campaign “Children, Not Soldiers”, which aimed to halt the recruitment and use of children by national armies by 2016. In the same resolution, the Council introduced new important elements, *inter alia*, encouraging Member States to establish a vetting mechanism to ensure that those responsible for crimes perpetrated against children were excluded from the military ranks, recommending the inclusion of child protection training for peacekeepers and national military personnel, and encouraging the deployment of child protection advisors to UN field missions. By resolution [2225 \(2015\)](#), the Council added “abduction of children” as an additional trigger for inclusion in the Annexes to the Secretary-General’s reports on children and armed conflict.

The Council continued including provisions relating to children and armed conflict in its country or region-specific decisions and in decisions relating to thematic issues.<sup>1</sup> Table 2 below lists provisions, by which the Council, *inter alia*, (i) condemned and demanded

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on other cross-cutting issues before the Council, see in the present part, sects. 29 and 32, with regard to protection of civilians and women and peace and security, respectively.

cessation of violations against children, including the recruitment and use of child soldiers, (ii) urged the implementation of action plans and programmes on children and armed conflict, (iii) mandated UN peacekeeping and political missions to monitor, investigate, verify and report specifically and publicly on violations and abuses committed against children, (iv) called for the deployment of child protection advisers to UN peacekeeping and political missions, (v) called for measures against the perpetrators of violations against children.

**Table 1**  
**Meetings: children and armed conflict**

<i>Meeting and Date</i>	<i>Sub-item</i>	<i>Other documents</i>	<i>Rule 37 invitations</i>	<i>Rule 39 and other invitations</i>	<i>Speakers</i>	<i>Decision and vote (for-against-abstaining)</i>
<a href="#">S/PV.7129</a> 7 March 2014	Letter dated 1 March 2014 from the Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2014/144</a> )	Draft resolution submitted by 47 Member States <sup>a</sup> ( <a href="#">S/2014/149</a> )	57 Member States <sup>b</sup>	Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Executive Director of UNICEF, Mr. Alhaji Babah Sawaneh <sup>c</sup> , Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations	Secretary-General, all Council members <sup>d</sup> , 44 rule 37 invitees <sup>e</sup> and all rule 39 invitees	Resolution <a href="#">2143 (2014)</a> 15-0-0
<a href="#">S/PV.7259</a> 8 September 2014	Report of the Secretary-General on children and armed conflict ( <a href="#">S/2014/339</a> )		44 Member States <sup>f</sup>	Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, Special Envoy for Peace and Reconciliation of UNESCO, Ms. Sandra Uwiringiyimana <sup>g</sup> , Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations, Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States	All Council members <sup>h</sup> and all invitees	
<a href="#">S/PV.7414</a> 25 March 2015	Child victims of non-State armed groups  Letter dated 6 March 2015 from the Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2015/168</a> )		57 Member States <sup>i</sup>	Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, Child Protection Technical Advisor of Save the Children in the Central African Republic, President of Paix pour l'enfance, Head of the Delegation of the European Union, Assistant Secretary-General for NATO, Permanent Observer of the African Union, Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine to the United Nations, Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See	Secretary-General, all Council members, 55 rule 37 invitees <sup>j</sup> and all rule 39 invitees	

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<a href="#">S/PV.7466</a> 18 June 2015	Letter dated 1 June 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2015/402</a> ), Report of the Secretary-General ( <a href="#">S/2015/409</a> ).	Draft resolution submitted by 56 States <sup>k</sup> ( <a href="#">S/2015/445</a> )	66 Member States <sup>l</sup>	Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF, Director of Facilitation for Peace and Development, Head of the Delegation of the European Union, Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States, Permanent Observer of the Observer State of Palestine, Permanent Observer of the Observer State of the Holy See	Secretary-General, all Council members <sup>m</sup> , 54 rule 37 invitees <sup>n</sup> and all rule 39 invitees	Resolution <a href="#">2225 (2015)</a> 15-0-0

<sup>a</sup> Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Chad, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jordan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States.

<sup>b</sup> Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece (on behalf of the Human Security Network), Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda and Uruguay.

<sup>c</sup> Former child soldier in Sierra Leone.

<sup>d</sup> Luxembourg was represented by the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Lithuania was represented by the Deputy Foreign Minister and Argentina was represented by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship.

<sup>e</sup> Although invited under rule 37, the representatives of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Malta, Monaco, Norway, Poland and Romania did not make a statement.

<sup>f</sup> Afghanistan, Algeria, Austria (on behalf of the Human Security Network), Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Estonia, Germany, Guatemala, India, Indonesia (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation), Iraq, Iran (Islamic Republic of) (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement), Israel, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Malaysia, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, New Zealand, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Somalia, Spain, Sudan, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay and Yemen.

<sup>g</sup> Survivor of the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

<sup>h</sup> Luxembourg was represented by the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs.

<sup>i</sup> Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria (on behalf of the Human Security Network), Azerbaijan, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Burundi, Cambodia, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Estonia, Gabon, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mali, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay and Viet Nam (on behalf of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations).

<sup>j</sup> Although invited under rule 37, the representatives of Botswana and Rwanda did not make a statement

<sup>k</sup> Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Chad, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

<sup>l</sup> Albania, Algeria (on behalf of the Arab Group), Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Botswana, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala (represented by the Minister for Foreign Affairs), Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy (represented by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation), Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait (on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation), Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sudan, Sweden (on behalf of Finland, Iceland and Norway), Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, Uruguay, Viet Nam (on behalf of ASEAN) and Zimbabwe (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community)

<sup>m</sup> Malaysia was represented by the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Spain was represented by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

<sup>n</sup> Although invited under rule 37, the representatives of Albania, Czech Republic, Finland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lebanon, Monaco, Norway, Romania and Saudi Arabia did not make a statement.

**Table 2**  
**Selection of provisions relevant to children and armed conflict, by theme and agenda item**

	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Condemning and demanding cessation of violations against children (including the recruitment and use of child soldiers)</b>	
	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>Provision</i>
<b>Country and region-specific</b>	The situation in Afghanistan	Resolution <a href="#">2145 (2014)</a>	para. 32
		Resolution <a href="#">2210 (2015)</a>	para. 31
	Central African region	<a href="#">S/PRST/2014/8</a>	third paragraph
		<a href="#">S/PRST/2014/25</a>	second paragraph
	The situation in the Central African Republic	Resolution <a href="#">2149 (2014)</a>	para. 6
		Resolution <a href="#">2217 (2015)</a>	para. 5
		Resolution <a href="#">2196 (2015)</a>	eleventh paragraph
		<a href="#">S/PRST/2015/20</a>	fifth paragraph
	The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution <a href="#">2211 (2015)</a>	para. 22
	The question concerning Haiti	Resolution <a href="#">2180 (2014)</a>	para. 20
		Resolution <a href="#">2243 (2015)</a>	para. 25
	The situation in Somalia	Resolution <a href="#">2182 (2014)</a>	para. 35
	Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan	Resolution <a href="#">2155 (2014)</a>	para. 19
		Resolution <a href="#">2173 (2014)</a>	para. 25
Resolution <a href="#">2187 (2014)</a>		para. 19	
Resolution <a href="#">2223 (2015)</a>		para. 22	
Resolution <a href="#">2228 (2015)</a>		para. 25	
Resolution <a href="#">2241 (2015)</a>		para. 27	
Resolution <a href="#">2252 (2015)</a>		para. 25	
<b>Thematic</b>	Children and armed conflict	Resolution <a href="#">2143 (2014)</a>	para. 1
	Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts	<a href="#">S/PRST/2015/4</a>	fourth paragraph
	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Action plans and programmes on children and armed conflict</b>	
	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>Provision</i>

<b>Country and region-specific</b>	The situation in Afghanistan	Resolution <a href="#">2145 (2014)</a>	para. 33
		Resolution <a href="#">2210 (2015)</a>	para. 32
	Central African region	<a href="#">S/PRST/2014/8</a>	twelfth paragraph
	The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution <a href="#">2136 (2014)</a>	para. 10
		Resolution <a href="#">2147 (2014)</a>	para. 5(l) para. 26
		<a href="#">S/PRST/2015/20</a>	fifth paragraph
		Resolution <a href="#">2198 (2015)</a>	para. 14
		Resolution <a href="#">2221 (2015)</a>	para.32
	The situation in Somalia	Resolution <a href="#">2232 (2015)</a>	para.34
	Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan	Resolution <a href="#">2155 (2014)</a>	para. 18
		Resolution <a href="#">2173 (2014)</a>	para. 25
		Resolution <a href="#">2187 (2014)</a>	para. 19
		Resolution <a href="#">2223 (2015)</a>	para. 22
Resolution <a href="#">2228 (2015)</a>		para. 25	
Resolution <a href="#">2241 (2015)</a>		para. 27	
Resolution <a href="#">2252 (2015)</a>		para. 25	
<b>Thematic</b>	Children and armed conflict	Resolution <a href="#">2143 (2014)</a>	para. 2 para. 7
		Resolution <a href="#">2225 (2015)</a>	para. 4

**Theme** **Monitoring and reporting on violations against children**

*Agenda item*

*Decision*

*Provision*

<b>Country and region-specific</b>	The situation in Afghanistan	Resolution <a href="#">2145 (2014)</a>	para. 33
	The situation in the Central African Republic	Resolution <a href="#">2134 (2014)</a>	para. 2(e)
		Resolution <a href="#">2149 (2014)</a>	para. 30(e)(ii)
		Resolution <a href="#">2196 (2015)</a>	para. 23
	The situation in Côte d'Ivoire	Resolution <a href="#">2162 (2014)</a>	para. 19 (g)
	The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution <a href="#">2198 (2015)</a>	para. 33
	The situation in Mali	Resolution <a href="#">2164 (2015)</a>	para. 13 (c)(vi)
		Resolution <a href="#">2227 (2015)</a>	para.14 (e)(ii)

	Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan	Resolution <a href="#">2155 (2014)</a>	para. 4(b)(ii)
		Resolution <a href="#">2187 (2014)</a>	para. 4(b)(ii)
		Resolution <a href="#">2223 (2015)</a>	para. 4(b)(ii)
		Resolution <a href="#">2241 (2015)</a>	para. 4(b)(ii)
		Resolution <a href="#">2252 (2015)</a>	para. 25
<b>Thematic</b>	Children and armed conflict	Resolution <a href="#">2225 (2015)</a>	para. 18
	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Child protection advisers</b>	
	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>Provision</i>
<b>Country and region-specific</b>	Central African region	<a href="#">S/PRST/2014/8</a>	fifth paragraph
		<a href="#">S/PRST/2014/25</a>	fourth paragraph
	The situation in the Central African Republic	Resolution <a href="#">2134 (2014)</a>	para. 2(e) para 10
		Resolution <a href="#">2149 (2014)</a>	para. 30(a)(ii)
		Resolution <a href="#">2217 (2015)</a>	para. 32(a)(ii)
	The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Resolution <a href="#">2147 (2014)</a>	para. 4(a)(iii)
		Resolution <a href="#">2211 (2015)</a>	para. 9 (c)
	The situation in Mali	Resolution <a href="#">2164 (2014)</a>	para. 13 (a)(iii)
		Resolution <a href="#">2227 (2015)</a>	para. 14 (d)(iii)
	The situation in Somalia	Resolution <a href="#">2158 (2014)</a>	para. 1 (d)(ii)
Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan and South Sudan	Resolution <a href="#">2252 (2015)</a>	para. 8 (a)(i)	
<b>Thematic</b>	Children in and armed conflict	Resolution <a href="#">2143 (2014)</a>	para. 24
		Resolution <a href="#">2225 (2015)</a>	para. 15
	Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in maintaining international peace and security	<a href="#">S/PRST/2014/27</a>	eighteenth paragraph
	Promotion and strengthening of the rule of law in the maintenance of international peace and security	<a href="#">S/PRST/2014/5</a>	ninth paragraph
	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Measures against the perpetrators of violations against children protection</b>	
	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>Provision</i>
<b>Country and region-specific</b>	Afghanistan	Resolution <a href="#">2145 (2014)</a>	para. 32
		Resolution <a href="#">2210 (2015)</a>	para. 32
	The situation in the Central African Republic	Resolution <a href="#">2134 (2014)</a>	para.2(e)
		Resolution <a href="#">2196 (2015)</a>	para. 12 (c)
	The situation in Côte d'Ivoire	Resolution <a href="#">2162 (2014)</a>	para. 19 (g)
		Resolution <a href="#">2226 (2015)</a>	para. 19 (g)



	The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo	<a href="#">S/PRST/2015/20</a> Resolution <a href="#">2198 (2015)</a>	fifth paragraph para. 5 (d) para. 5 (e)
<b>Thematic</b>	Children and armed conflict	Resolution <a href="#">2143 (2014)</a>	para. 10
	Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts	<a href="#">S/PRST/2015/4</a>	fourth paragraph