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*The Human Rights Council,*

 *Reiterating* its primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security and, in this connection, its commitment to address the widespread impact of armed conflict on children,

 *Remaining* however deeply concerned over the lack of progress on the ground in some situations of concern, where parties to conflict continue to violate with impunity the relevant provisions of applicable international law relating to the rights and protection of children in armed conflict,

 *Stressing* the primary role of Governments in providing protection and relief to all children affected by armed conflict and recognizing the importance of strengthening national capacities in this regard,

 *Stressing* that the best interests of the child as well as the specific needs and vulnerabilities of children should be considered when planning and carrying out actions concerning children in situations of armed conflict,

1. *Calls* the governments to add or alter their laws in order to:
	* 1. Legally protect children in situations of war
		2. Discourage participation of children in national armies and military academies,
2. *Encourages* all member states of the United Nations to sign and ratify treaties such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child which aims to protect children in armed conflict,
3. *Invites* all member states to take all feasible measures in order to ensure that children enjoy the rights they deserve (e.g. those which are stated in the Convention on the Rights of the Child),
4. *Recommends* the prohibition of participation in any military missions of individuals under the age of 18,
5. *Urges* the Security Council to take the necessary measures against the illegal recruitment of children in paramilitary groups,
6. *Invites* the developed countries to establish task courses or agencies in order to monitor and prevent actions like recruitment of children in countries that suffer from armed conflict,
7. *Reaffirms* that open trainings are allowed after entering the 17th year of their lives and only with their parental permission, while close trainings in military camps are allowed after entering the 19th year,
8. *Urges* all NGOs to raise awareness upon the issue via technology tools (e.g. advertisement, online campaigns etc),
9. *Endorses* the collection of information and annual report to the United Nations about violations against children in armed conflict in order to influence key decision makers,
10. *Emphasizes* that rehabilitation programs should be supported by NGOs to ensure:

The reunion of children, formerly affected by conflict, with their families, and

 Their education and reintegration in society,

1. *Recommends* that rehabilitation programs include ways that Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration programs (DDR) practice in order to integrate children into society more efficiently,
2. *Strongly urges* rehabilitation programs to include special measures such as tracing and re-uniting families and offer them psychological counseling,
3. *Mentions* with honor the teachers who volunteer to teach child soldiers and children who have been traumatized physically and mentally,
4. *Supports* the neutralization of school and hospital areas in periods of armed conflicts,
5. *Invites* all member states to organize parental seminars to enhance parental guidance,
6. *Decides* to remain seized on the matter.