

Main Issues Main Issues_v3.1.d oc	Children and Parents	Criminal Court Judges	Finance and Trade Advisors	Human Rights Activists	Mental Health Professionals	Military Advisors
Risk factors that make children more vulnerable to becoming soldiers	<p><b>Questions</b> Why do children become child soldiers?</p>	<p><b>Questions</b> Why do children become child soldiers?</p>		<p><b>Questions</b> How does the absence of a birth registration put a child at risk of becoming a child soldier? Be sure to address the medical, educational, and judicial points of view. <i>(Refer to Unicef's interactive game before answering)</i></p> <p>Are these important issues in the country you are representing?</p>	<p>Why do children become child soldiers?</p>	
	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b> What actions do the government and civil society need to take to</p>	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b> What actions do the government and civil society need to take to address the</p>		<p><b>Actions to be taken</b> If birth registration and access to education and health services are</p>	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b> What actions do the government and civil society need to take to</p>	

	address the different reasons why children become child soldiers?	different reasons why children become child soldiers?		important human rights issues in the country you are representing, what actions need to be taken by the government and civil society to protect these rights?	address the different reasons why children become child soldiers?	
Age Requirements For Compulsory or Voluntary Military Recruitment/ Violations/ Age Appropriate Tasks	<p><b>Questions</b> If the country you are representing has signed or ratified the CRC or OP, what are the compulsory and/or voluntary age requirements for military service?</p> <p><b>NOTE: If the OP was ratified, [redacted] answer the next question. If the OP was not [redacted] ratified skip to the questions in the next section</b> (Ratifying International Treaties Regarding Child Soldiers)</p>	<p><b>Questions</b> If the country you are representing has signed or ratified the CRC or OP, what are the compulsory and/or voluntary age requirements for military service?</p> <p><b>NOTE: If the OP was ratified, [redacted] answer the next question. If the OP was not [redacted] ratified skip to the questions in the next section</b> (Ratifying International Treaties Regarding Child Soldiers)</p>		<p><b>Questions</b> If the country you are representing has signed or ratified the CRC or OP, what are the compulsory and/or voluntary age requirements for military service?</p> <p>Are any of these treaties being violated by the government or rebel groups in the current conflict?</p> <p><b>NOTE: If the OP was ratified, [redacted] answer the next question. If the OP was not [redacted]</b></p>	<p><b>Questions</b> If the country you are representing has signed or ratified the CRC or OP, what are the compulsory and/or voluntary age requirements for military service?</p> <p>Are the age requirements for compulsory and/or voluntary military service age-appropriate?</p> <p><b>NOTE: If the OP was ratified, [redacted] answer the next question. If the OP was not [redacted]</b></p>	<p><b>Questions</b> If the country you are representing has signed or ratified the CRC or OP, what are the compulsory and/or voluntary age requirements for military service?</p> <p>Are any of these treaties being violated by the government or rebel groups in the current conflict?</p> <p><b>NOTE: If the OP was ratified, [redacted] answer the next question. If the OP was not [redacted] ratified skip to the questions in the</b></p>

				<b>ratified skip to the questions in the next section</b> (Ratifying International Treaties Regarding Child Soldiers)	<b>ratified skip to the questions in the next section</b> (Ratifying International Treaties Regarding Child Soldiers)	<b>next section</b> (Ratifying International Treaties Regarding Child Soldiers)
	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b> (This question is only appropriate for countries that have signed or ratified the OP.) If the OP has been ratified, children under 18 are not allowed to participate in combat. Keeping in mind the age at which children can volunteer for military service in the country you represent, what non-combatative tasks should they be allowed to do? Why? (Refer to the checklist of tasks in</p>	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b> <i>[The impact of age requirements on policy recommendations is included in the section on reintegrating child soldiers into civil society.]</i></p>		<p><b>Actions to be taken</b> (These questions are only appropriate for countries that have signed or ratified the OP.) If the OP has been ratified, children under 18 are not allowed to participate in combat. Keeping in mind the age at which children can volunteer for military service in the country you represent, what non-combatative tasks should they be allowed to do? Why? (Refer to the checklist of tasks in</p>	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b> (These questions are only appropriate for countries that have signed or ratified the OP.) If the OP has been ratified, children under 18 are not allowed to participate in combat. Keeping in mind the age at which children can volunteer for military service in the country you represent, what non-combatative tasks should they be allowed to do? Why? (Refer to the checklist of tasks</p>	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b> (These questions are only appropriate for countries that have signed or ratified the OP.) If the OP has been ratified, children under 18 are not allowed to participate in combat. Keeping in mind the age at which children can volunteer for military service in the country you represent, what non-combatative tasks should they be allowed to do? Why? (Refer to the checklist of tasks in</p>

	<p><i>Step #1, before answering)</i>  Make sure to include this in the group's policy recommendations.</p>			<p><i>Step #1, before answering)</i>  Make sure to include this in the group's policy recommendations.</p> <p>If the country you are representing has signed or ratified either the CRC or OP and is using child soldiers who are younger than the what the age requirements allow, what actions should the government and/or civil society take to address this violation?</p>	<p><i>in Step #1, before answering)</i>  Make sure to include this in the group's policy recommendations.</p> <p>Given what you know about the mental health of children, are there any recommendations your group wants to make about changing or adjusting the age requirements for compulsory or voluntary recruitment into the military?</p>	<p><i>Step #1, before answering)</i>  Make sure to include this in the group's policy recommendations.</p> <p>If the country you are representing has signed or ratified either the CRC or OP and is using child soldiers who are younger than the what the age requirements allow, what actions should the government and/or civil society take to address this violation?</p>
Ratifying the OP on Child Soldiers  (These questions and actions are only	<p><b>Questions</b>  What should be done if the country you are representing has not signed or ratified the OP?</p> <p><b>Actions to be</b></p>	<p><b>Questions</b>  What should be done if the country you are representing has not signed or ratified the OP?</p> <p><b>Actions to be taken</b></p>		<p><b>Questions</b>  What should be done if the country you are representing has not signed or ratified the OP?</p> <p><b>Actions to be</b></p>		<p><b>Questions</b>  What should be done if the country you are representing has not signed or ratified the OP?</p> <p><b>Actions to be</b></p>

<p>appropriate for countries that have not signed or ratified the OP.)</p>	<p><b>taken</b> If it has not been signed or ratified, do you want to recommend that the government should ratify it as part of your policy statement?</p> <p>If you do recommend that the OP be ratified, what should the minimum age for voluntary military service be? And what non-combative tasks should children under 18 be allowed to do? <i>(Refer to the checklist of tasks in Step #1, before answering) Why?</i></p>	<p>If it has not been signed or ratified, do you want to recommend that the government should ratify it as part of your policy statement?</p> <p>If you do recommend that the OP be ratified, what should the minimum age for voluntary military service be? And what non-combative tasks should children under 18 be allowed to do? <i>(Refer to the checklist of tasks in Step #1, before answering) Why?</i></p>		<p><b>taken</b> If it has not been signed or ratified, do you want to recommend that the government should ratify it as part of your policy statement?</p> <p>If you do recommend that the OP be ratified, what should the minimum age for voluntary military service be? And what non-combative tasks should children under 18 be allowed to do <i>(refer to the checklist of tasks in step 1)? Why?</i></p>		<p><b>taken</b> If it has not been signed or ratified, do you want to recommend that the government should ratify it as part of your policy statement?</p> <p>If you do recommend that the OP be ratified, what should the minimum age for voluntary military service be? And what non-combative tasks should children under 18 be allowed to do <i>(Refer to the checklist of tasks in Step #1, before answering) Why?</i></p>
--	--	---	--	---	--	---

Re-integrating Child Soldiers into Civil Society – Punishment or Rehabilitation	<p><b>Questions</b> How should former child soldiers be reintegrated into society once they are demobilized?</p>	<p><b>Questions</b> <b>How should children who have fought in rebel groups be treated by the judicial system?</b></p> <p>What role should rehabilitation play in the judicial process?</p>			<p><b>Questions</b> What are the emotional and social problems child soldiers face once they are released from combat?</p>	<p><b>Questions</b> <b>How should children who have fought in rebel groups be treated by the judicial system?</b></p>
	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b> What programmes run by governments or NGOs to address the issue of rehabilitating child soldiers would you want to cite in your policy recommendations as examples that should be replicated? What other programmes did your group come up with that you'd recommend?</p>	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b> If the group thinks child soldiers should be punished, should former child soldiers be tried as adults or as children?</p> <p>If the group thinks child soldiers should be punished, are there mitigating circumstances that should be taken into account by the judicial system (e.g., age and</p>			<p><b>Actions to be taken</b> What programmes run by governments or NGOs to address the issue of rehabilitating child soldiers would you want to cite in your policy recommendations as examples that should be replicated? What other programmes did your group come up with that you'd recommend?</p>	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b> Integrate the group's stand on this question into your policy recommendation.</p>

		<p>gender of the child, whether a child was forced to be a soldier or joined the military voluntarily, whether they fought for the government or a rebel group, etc.)? If so, how should punishment differ from group to group?</p> <p>If the group thinks they should not be punished, what are some of the positive and negative outcomes that could result from protecting child soldiers? <i>(Review newsletter from the United Nations University and the article from Amnesty International before responding.)</i></p> <p>If the group thinks that rehabilitation should play a role in the way the</p>				
--	--	--	--	--	--	--

		<p>judicial system handles child soldiers, outline how it would work. Would it take the place of a punishment or be a component of whatever punishment is given? Why?</p> <p>Integrate the group's stand on each of these questions into your policy recommendations.</p>				
<p>Country's Allocation of Funds For Military, Education, and Healthcare Services</p>	<p><b>Questions</b> How much does the government spend on military, education and health care?</p> <p>What does this say about the country's priorities?</p>		<p><b>Questions</b> How much does the government spend on military, education and health care?</p> <p>What does this say about the country's priorities?</p>	<p><b>Questions</b> How much does the government spend on military, education and health care?</p> <p>What does this say about the country's priorities?</p>	<p><b>Questions</b> How much does the government spend on military, education and health care?</p> <p>What does this say about the country's priorities?</p>	<p><b>Questions</b> How much does the government spend on military, education and health care?</p> <p>What does this say about the country's priorities?</p>

	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b>  Do the military, education and health care budgets need to be adjusted to either help address the root the root causes (such as poverty) that underlie the use of child soldiers, or to support the group's policy recommendations? If yes, how would you adjust them?</p> <p>What services offered by other governments or NGOs could be useful in reducing the use of child soldiers?</p>		<p><b>Actions to be taken</b>  (optional)  What actions need to be taken to stimulate economic growth and reduce poverty in the country you are representing so that armed conflict and the use of child soldiers would be less likely?</p> <p>Would any of the recommendations you want to make require making changes in the allocations of funds for military, education and health services?</p> <p>What role do</p>	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b>  Keeping in mind what you learned from the UNICEF readings, do the military, education and health care budgets need to be adjusted to support the group's policy recommendations? If yes, how would you adjust them?</p>	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b>  Do the military, education and health care budgets need to be adjusted to support the group's policy recommendations? If yes, how would you adjust them?</p>	<p><b>Actions to be taken</b>  Do the military, education and health care budgets need to be adjusted to support the group's policy recommendations? If yes, how would you adjust them?</p>
--	--	--	--	--	---	---

			<p>conflict resources play in funding armed conflict in this country?</p> <p>What solutions are in place to address the illegal use conflict resources that could serve as models for the country you are representing?</p>			
--	--	--	---	--	--	--