

FORUM: General Assembly

QUESTION OF: Preventing the recruitment and brainwashing of children and adolescents

The General Assembly,

1. Strongly encourages all Member States who have not yet done so to sign and endorse the 2007 Paris Commitments;
2. Recommends all Member states to give an effective response under the supervision of the UN to the exploitation and recruitment of youth by terrorist organisations by:
 - a. Using clear criteria when weighing individuals' vulnerability to radicalisation and recruitment and in designing and targeting programs to counter violent extremism,
 - b. Fostering behavioral change via education campaigns, performed by the State government monitored by the UN and other relevant actors, informing of risks and methods of prevention among youth vulnerable to recruitment bearing in mind the reasons that cause it such as but not limited to:
 - i. Geographic proximity to conflict,
 - ii. Economic vulnerability,
 - iii. Social or political marginalisation,
 - iv. Exposure to violent extremist propaganda,
 - c. Recognizing of the family as a potential site of radicalisation and recruitment,
 - d. Providing funds in order for developing countries and low and middle-income countries that lack economic backing to carry out such programs and not be excluded from such measures;
3. Encourages Member States to prevent parents from neglecting to take care of their children and subjecting them to terrorist-related activities, especially in less economically developed countries, with methods such as, but not limited to:
 - a. Increasing the potential value of children in ways such as, but not limited to:
 - i. Subsidizing education at all levels,
 - ii. Providing free meals to students attending educational centres,
 - b. Imposing criminal punishments on parents/guardians that:
 - i. Force children to perform excessive amounts of labor with a lucrative purpose,
 - ii. Allow or encourage under-aged minors to join terrorist organizations,
 - iii. Sell children under their guardianship,
 - c. Implementing a United Nations mandated committee that will not violate in State Sovereignty or national policies in order to ensure that all Member States have a law that appropriately punishes guardians for any actions outlined in sub-clause b;

4. Requests Member States to share information, intelligence, and findings regarding common areas of operation by terrorist organizations, including but not limited to:
 - a. Known agents responsible for recruitment,
 - b. The movement of previous foreign fighters back into Member State for the potential of recruitment,
 - c. Known internet platforms designated for recruitment,
 - d. Locations used as headquarters for recruitment purposes;

5. Encourages the creation of a universal birth register, funded by the UN, in order to control the recruitment of risk groups, with the purpose of:
 - a. Allowing international cooperation,
 - b. Statistical purposes,
 - c. Ensuring the protection of the aforementioned risk groups that would be under monitored control by the UN member states;

6. Remains seized on the matter.