



**General comments by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, Counsellor, on resolution
A/HRC/61/L.27/Rev.1**

“Rights of the child: realizing the rights of the child affected by armed conflict”

(Geneva, 30 March 2026)

Mr. President,

My delegation welcomes draft resolution L.27/Rev.1 on “Realizing the rights of the child affected by armed conflict” and thanks the delegations of Uruguay, on behalf of the Group of Latin American and the Caribbean countries, and Cyprus, on behalf of the European Union, for presenting it.

Pakistan underscores the grave and disproportionate suffering of children in situations of armed conflict and foreign occupation, where violations of their fundamental rights continue with alarming frequency and severity.

We appreciate that proposals concerning the Genocide Convention, children orphaned by war, and the obligations of occupying powers have been reflected in the text, alongside references addressing the heightened risks of trafficking, sexual exploitation and abuse, among others. These are all critical dimensions that require sustained international attention and action.

At the same time, we wish to highlight a number of concerns.

Firstly, situations of foreign occupation could have been addressed in greater detail, given their distinct and severe impact on children.

Secondly, while references to digital risks are noted, more focused attention on the misuse of technology in exacerbating vulnerabilities of children would have been beneficial.

Thirdly, we regret the absence of language addressing hate speech, the harmful effects of which are often amplified in conflict and occupation, and to which children remain disproportionately vulnerable.

Fourthly, we also believe the resolution could have benefited from a sharper and more focused articulation of core protection concerns particularly rapid and unimpeded humanitarian access; and ensuring an appropriate balance between immediate protection needs in conflict settings and broader health-related elements.

We thank the core group for convening consultations despite the short time available. A second reading could have led to a more enriched and balanced text on such an important and timely initiative and helped address remaining concerns with inclusivity and transparency.

We look forward to joining in consensus on draft resolution L.27/Rev.1.

Thank you.

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