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ON SRI LANKA

- Initiatives by the authorities to conduct an in-depth investigation with regard to children in the Inya Barrathi should be welcomed.

- The Government of Sri Lanka should be to strengthen and accelerate its investigations into the whereabouts of the remaining 5 cases of children alleged to have been abducted by the Bharathi group in line with SCWG conclusions (S/AC.51/2010/2). Investigation regarding child recruitment by the Inya Barrathi should be completed in a transparent manner.

- The Government to immediately implement the recommendations of the LLRC regarding children.

- Should de-listing of the Sri Lanka situation be approved by the New York Task Force on CAAC, the situation should continue to be observed and developments monitored for an additional one year period as stipulated under the guidelines for delisting issued by the O/SRSG-CAAC.

- Those with command responsibility who are in Government custody and have committed grave crimes against children should be held accountable.

- A truth telling should be encouraged with regard to commanders and recruiters of all armed groups who have been listed under the Sri Lankan country situation in the past (LTTE, TMVP, Karuna faction and Bharathi group) to identify and make known those children recruited by these groups and to identify the fate of these children. This should extend beyond the last phases of the conflict and address children who have gone missing over the entire length of the conflict.

- The strengthening of the current FTR tracing capacity and its expansion into the Eastern regions of the country should be undertaken as a priority.