

Myanmar Signed the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)

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News Release

1. With a view to further promoting and protecting the rights of children in the country, Myanmar signed the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on 28th September 2015.
2. The signing ceremony was held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York. On behalf of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin signed the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. Also present on the occasion were Ms. Leila Zerrougui, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Children and Armed Conflict and Mr. Santiago Villapando, Chief of Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations.
3. Signing this Optional Protocol is in line with Tatmataw's policy of no underage recruitment into the armed forces, and shall contribute its ongoing efforts on the prevention of underage recruitment.
4. To date, there are 161 states parties to the said Optional Protocol.

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