

**The Statement of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC)
on the Report of the Secretary General of the United Nations for 2020
on Children and Armed Conflict**

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The Report of the United Nations Secretary General on Children and Armed Conflict for 2019, released pursuant to Security Council resolution 2427(2018), has delisted the Myanmar Tatmadaw for the recruitment and use of children, as a result of a continued significant decrease in recruitment, ongoing prosecutions and agreement to continue to trace and release cases identified in the previous years. In addition, the Secretary General welcomed the adoption by the Myanmar Government of the Child Rights Law which criminalizes the six grave violations against children, and the ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. The disciplinary action taken against military personnel was also welcomed by the Secretary General. The delisting of the Myanmar Tatmadaw demonstrates the deserved recognition by the United Nations of its commitment and persistent efforts in addressing the issue of child soldier. However, the MNHRC notes that the report expresses certain concerns about a few further actions necessary to be taken to improve the protection of children.

As the United Nations will certainly continue to monitor the developments in the country in this regard, the MNHRC hopes that the firm commitment of the Myanmar Tatmadaw, as evidenced by the delisting, will lead to further efforts to sustain the existing measures and to take necessary measures to remain delisted and to be delisted from section A of Annex 1 of the report as well.

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