

Justice for children in Armed conflicts, justice for all.

The chairman named Alex, mentioned that the aim of the reunion was to confront the serious problems impacting millions of children trapped in global conflicts. The focus on these issues is driven by prevalent problems focusing on children like; genocide, sexual violence, hunger, disease, and exploitation.

The first speaker, Marie from the Belgium Mission is documenting continued assaults on hospitals in Ukraine and the acceptance of extreme violence and sexual assault in conflict areas.

Another speaker emphasizes the second-hand effects of conflicts on children, such as being forced to flee to military bases and experiencing widespread issues like poverty, hunger, violence, and prejudice.

The conversation highlights the significance of achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 to eradicate violence against children and promote justice. Even with the global community's best efforts, millions of children still encounter major obstacles and enduring repercussions.

Following, Florence discusses effective strategies related to SDG 16, focusing on peace, accountability, and protecting children.

Jamil Khan, based on his experience coming from conflicted zones and having to move to a safe zone when young and his work with unaccompanied minor refugees, highlights the unequal effect of conflict on children and the necessity for specialized assistance. He also mentions the unjust and what he mentions as wrong way of managing and treating the problems in these kinds of conflicts in which all the decision making is made only taking into consideration the highest power's decisions, and not children's opinion, which should be the most taken into consideration.

Bethany Ellis supports maintaining uniform guidelines for holding offenders responsible for crimes against children and emphasizes even more what Jamil said about the significance of including children in decision-making procedures.

Abdul discusses experiences from Sierra Leone, where numerous children were impacted by conflict, highlighting the importance of organized rehabilitation and empowerment initiatives. Also he mentions that children found raised in those conflicted areas were forced to be recruited for war, but their rehabilitation or even their opinion was then never taken into consideration, which he found very wrong and vouched for that to change.

The Human Rights Executive Director recognizes advancements while pointing out ongoing issues in education and child rights abuses. Suggestions involve giving importance to a child-focused perspective in inquiries and implementing more strict and harsh legal actions against attacks on education facilities in areas affected by conflict.

Ultimately, the report highlights the importance of improving accountability procedures and taking quick measures to safeguard children impacted by conflicts. Immediate enhancements are needed to protect children's rights and promptly deal with any violations.

