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President + On behalf of Sweden & the NR
Mr. Chairman + ~~Austria~~ Support EU - statement made by EU Pres.

- The plight of children - not least in armed conflict - concerns us all. The CRC has near universal ratification & efforts ~~are made~~ to implement (OP children in armed conflict) and SC res. 1612 of 2005 on children in armed conflict are ordinary in many parts of the world.

- The OHCHR plays a crucial role in these efforts.

- We welcome the continued presence of the OHCHR in Colombia, not least in light of the continued abduction of children and reports of sexual violence, especially against girls, by parties to the conflict.

- In Sri Lanka, the conflict is escalating and children ~~continue to be~~ are recruited both by the LTTE & the Karuna faction.
The need for a strengthened presence by the OHCHR - with access to all parts of the country - is evident. ~~not least by~~ ~~Sanction~~ ~~seeking~~ ~~aid~~

Thank you, Mr. President