

## CHILD RECRUITMENT

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The laws governing the armed forces, the police force, the popular defense and police and the national service stipulate that persons of less than 18 years of age shall not be recruited. This goes in line with the International Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The Statute of the Joint Forces that have been established by the comprehensive Peace Agreement of January, 2005 also stipulates that recruitment age shall not be less than 18 years.

There are programmes implemented by the Government to reintegrate the children who the Sudan Peoples Liberation Movement used to recruit in southern Sudan before the signing of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement. The programme provides for health and education.

There are no cases of children of less than 18 years of age being recruited in any of the regular armed forces.

Sudan was one of the first countries to sign and ratify the Convention on the Child and the two optional protocols concerning children, involvement in armed conflicts and trafficking of children and abusing them in prostitution.

The Sudan signed the African Convention on the child.