

**Question for written answer E-004304/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Recruitment of children by armed groups in Yemen

Recruitment of children by armed groups is rife in Yemen. In some cases this is a reality perpetuated even by the nation's army. In 2011 child soldiers were recruited by the Yemeni armed forces and pro-government fighters to combat Houthis in the north of the country during the popular uprising against former president Ali Abdullah Saleh.

What is the Commission doing to discourage the recruitment of children by armed groups in Yemen?