

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Commission statement

pursuant to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure

by the following Members: Banotti, Ferrer, Hermange and Maij-Weggen,

on behalf of the PPE/DE Group

on the 10th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

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Resolution on the 10th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

The European Parliament,

- A. noting that November 1999 is the tenth anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and that all EU Member States have ratified the Convention.
- B. noting that children, particularly disabled children, children from ethnic groups and girls experience discrimination and are denied education,
- C. deploring the increase in sexual exploitation of children, child prostitution and pornography and urging the European Union to do all in its power to put an end to this scourge,
- D. noting that at least 300 000 children under the age of 18 are currently taking part in military hostilities around the world and calling for the outlawing of the recruitment and use of children in armed conflict ,
- E. noting the recent adoption of the new ILO Convention on the prohibition and immediate elimination of the worst forms of child labour,
 - 1. Welcomes the inclusion of a draft clause on children and young people in the new Lomé Convention and urges the EU and ACP countries to ensure that this clause is adopted in the final Convention;
 - 2. Calls on the Member States to promote Article 12 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and to involve children and young people at all appropriate levels of decision making;
 - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States.