



DPI welcomes UN Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security

DPI welcomes the United Nations Security Council's unanimous adoption of Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace, and Security on 9 December 2015, and considers it a significant step forward in the field of conflict transformation and peacebuilding.

Why Youth in Peacebuilding?

Today's generation of young people is the largest in human history, numbering heavily among those affected by armed conflict. Yet despite the tendency to characterise youths as merely perpetrators or victims of violence, young people are at the forefront of almost every peacebuilding effort globally, working in conflict zones around the world to promote dialogue, education, and respect. As both vital community stakeholders and the ultimate inheritors of post-conflict settlements, it is crucial that young people are recognized as proactive advocates for peace.

United Nations Security Council Resolution 2250

Resolution 2250 is a unanimously adopted resolution by the United Nations Security Council, urging member states to give young people a greater voice in conflict resolution. Laying the framework for greatly enhanced youth involvement at all levels of the peacebuilding process, Resolution 2250 seeks to ensure that the representation of young people within conflict resolution initiatives matches their unique capacities to engender positive change.

The Resolution requests that the United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon commissions a report that will survey youth's positive contribution to peacebuilding efforts and outline measures to implement the resolution's goals. Taken together, this positions Resolution 2250 as a key commitment on the path to recognizing, and mobilising, the ability of young people to transform violent conflict worldwide.

Key content in Resolution 2250

- Re-affirms the **duty of governments to protect young people** affected by conflict, and to address their needs during rehabilitation, reintegration and post-conflict reconstruction
- Calls on all relevant actors to **introduce and strengthen mechanisms to promote youth participation** in peace-making and peace-building, at every level of decision-making
- Encourages all those involved in the planning for **disarmament, demobilization and reintegration to consider the needs of youth** affected by armed conflict
- Affirms the importance of **providing opportunities and education to equip young people with the ability to engage constructively** in civic structures, dialogue, and inclusive political processes