



Subcommittee on Human Rights

Public Hearing

Rights of the Child in the EU external policy: state of play on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

4 December 2024, 14.30-16.00

Room: SPAAK (5B001)

DRAFT PROGRAMME

14.30-14.35 *Welcome and introductory remarks by Mounir Satouri, Chair of the DROI Subcommittee*

14.35-14.40 *Intervention by Vice-President Ewa Kopacz, EP Coordinator on Children's Rights*

14.40-15.20 Session 1: The implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in EU external policies

- **Bertrand Bainvel**, UNICEF Representative to the European Union Institutions
- **Benoit Van Keirsbilck**, Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Director of the Belgian section of Defense for Children International
- **Ellis Matthews**, Head of Division for human rights (EEAS)
- **Chiara ADAMO** Head of Unit in DG INTPA G1 (Gender Equality, Human Rights and Democratic Governance)

Q&A session with Members of DROI Subcommittee

15.20-15.55 Session 2: EU external action to protect children affected by armed conflicts, including child soldiers, forcibly displaced children and children in place of detention

- **Anne Schintgen**, Head of Office of the United Nations Liaison Office for Children and Armed Conflict in Europe
- **Olivia Mertens**, Senior Advocacy Advisor, Save the Children Europe
- **Ellis Matthews**, Head of Division for Human rights (EEAS)
- **Frederik Schutyser**, Deputy Head of Unit, Humanitarian Policies and International Humanitarian Law, DG ECHO, European Commission

Q&A session with Members of DROI Subcommittee

15.55-16.00 *Concluding remarks by Mounir Satouri, Chair of the DROI Subcommittee*