

## ABSTRACT

### PROTECTION OF CHILDREN IN CONFLICT: AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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*A lot of developing countries are as of now in war or conflicts of one way or the other. War and conflicts bring chaos. They bring violations of rights and they make the already vulnerable groups more vulnerable. After 2<sup>nd</sup> World war, people realized that children are the most affected among these vulnerable groups. Their rights, in fact basic human and fundamental rights stand violated during conflicts. In context of Afghanistan, war of 18 years has proven to be very much disastrous for the children as well as in Syria the situation seems even worse. They have been robbed of their all rights despite there being plethora of international laws, conventions or agreements for child right protection. Herein arises a need to deliberate upon the fact as to why children are always subjected to such kinds of atrocities for the acts committed by the adults. They never participate in hostilities, yet are the most affected group when it comes to a conflict. Status of children in Syria and Afghanistan will be discussed and also the International Law applicability, on the protection of the rights of children, I would try to elaborate upon the issue whether there are lacunas in laws or is it the question of non-implementation of the same. Both ways, it has been the children under the hammer of conflicts, war or peace. As a result of the conflicts and war, the child resource has been always horrifically abused. They have been subjected to enslavement, soldier recruitments and sexual harassment as well. They have been orphaned, maimed and killed in situations of conflict and war. They get damaged psychologically and as a result they stay out of the education and are thus vulnerable to all kinds of criminal behaviors. There are numerous agreements and international laws relating to the protection of children such as UN Charter, ICCPR, ICESCR, Child Rights Convention 1989, Paris Pact 2007, Geneva Conventions of 1949 & several other protocols.*

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