

Terms of Reference

Monitoring and Reporting Mechanism Technical Reference Group

Security Council Resolution 1612 (2005) called for the implementation of the MRM on grave child rights violations in situations of armed conflict, as outlined by the Secretary-General in his 2005 Report to the General Assembly and Security Council on Children and Armed Conflict (A/59/695–S/2005/72). In 2009 and 2011, the Security Council adopted Resolutions 1882 and 1998 respectively, which expanded the gateway to the annexes of the Secretary-General's Report on CAAC to sexual violence against children, killing and maiming of children and attacks on schools and hospitals in contravention of international law.

Feedback from Country Task Forces shows that there is a strong need for headquarters to provide further technical support and guidance to operational field partners, and feedback from global actors shows a desire to meet regularly to discuss MRM issues.

For this purpose, an MRM Technical Reference Group has been established in New York with the following terms of reference:¹

1. The MRM Technical Reference Group shall be co-chaired by the OSRSG-CAAC and UNICEF.
2. In addition to the co-chairs, the MRM Technical Reference Group shall be composed of the following members (in alphabetical order):
 - Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO)
 - Department of Political Affairs (DPA)
 - International Labour Organization (ILO)
 - Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
 - Office for the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
 - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 - United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
 - United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
 - United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
 - World Health Organisation (WHO)
 - Other members as identified by the Technical Reference Group, including international NGOs

¹ As of September 2010, the Technical Reference Group replaces the Steering Committee of the MRM Task Force on CAAC.

3. The Group may invite other organizations and individuals from the United Nations system or other relevant parties to discuss and consult on particular issues or to provide technical guidance and support on the MRM.
4. The Group will meet at the level of experts on a bimonthly basis and additionally as necessary.
5. The Group will serve as a platform for consultation and agreed guidance on technical issues pertaining to the development of working tools and implementation of the MRM.
6. The Group will serve as a forum for multi-stakeholder review and input as appropriate to members' proposals for MRM strengthening on technical matters.
7. The Group will serve as a forum for organizing the implementation of inter-agency advocacy strategies around the prevention of grave violations against children.