

Did you know?

## Optional Protocol on

# Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict

### Article 1

**Children can't take a direct part in hostilities** if they are a member of the Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) and **under 18 years old**.



### Article 2

**Children are not obliged to join** the SAF if they are **under 18 years old**.



### Article 3

**Children under 18 years old and not below 16½ years old may volunteer** out of their own free will to enlist in the SAF, but only with their parents' or legal guardian's permission.



### Article 4

**The government is responsible** to prevent armed groups that are not part of the SAF from recruiting children below 18 years old.



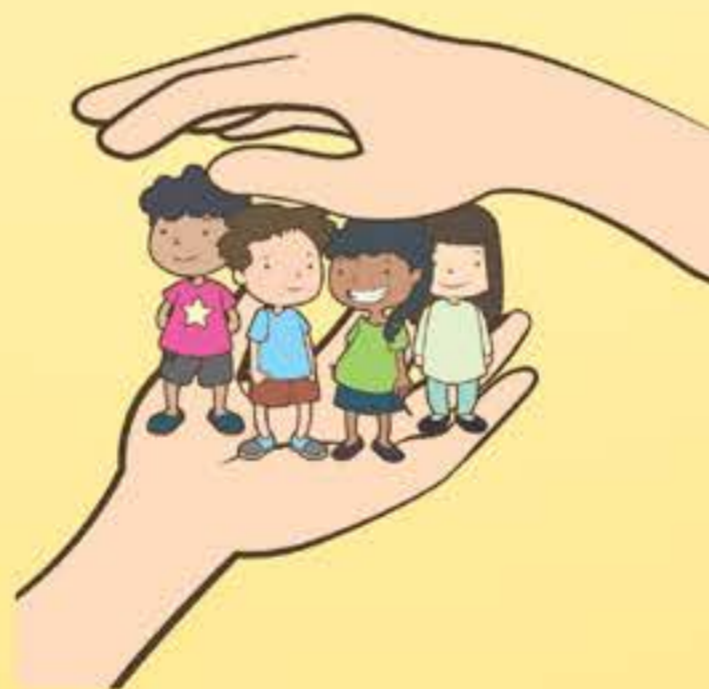
### Article 5

If **Singapore's laws provide better protection** of children's rights than the articles in this Protocol, those laws should apply.



### Article 6

**The government is responsible** for ensuring that **children's rights** under this Protocol **are protected**. The government is responsible to publicise the principles and provisions of the Protocol to both adults and children.



### Article 7

The **government should work together with the governments of other countries** (who are parties to the Protocol) to **protect children from any activity that goes against the Protocol**. Children who have been harmed by any activity that goes against the Protocol should be helped in their recovery.

