

THE IMPACT OF COUNTER- TERRORISM MEASURES

ON CHILDREN

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In many countries, children are increasingly detained for alleged national security offenses. In some countries, hundreds – or even thousands – of children are detained at any given time, as countries have adopted increasingly aggressive counter-terrorism measures. Counter-terrorism strategies and legislation have introduced new surveillance measures, restrictions on behaviour, powers of detention, and hundreds of new offences carrying heavy sentences.

The recruitment of children into terrorist or violent extremist groups is often unlawful – and sometimes constitutes trafficking – yet these children are often treated as perpetrators rather than victims.

This side event will explore the impact of counter-terrorism measures on children, including their deprivation of liberty. In particular, it will focus on how these issues will be addressed by the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty.

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