

**CONFERENCE ON WAR-AFFECTED
CHILDREN IN WEST AFRICA**

April 27 - 28, 2000

**International Conference Centre
Accra, Ghana**

DAY ONE: THURSDAY APRIL 27, 2000

09h00 Registration and Arrival of Guests

10h00-11h00 OPENING CEREMONY
Main Hall

Chair: Hon. James Victor Gbeho, Foreign Minister of Ghana
Hon. Lloyd Axworthy, Foreign Minister of Canada
H.E. Lansana Kouyaté, ECOWAS Executive Secretary
Statement by Youth Representatives
Keynote Address:
H.E. Flt-Lt. Jerry John Rawlings, President of the Republic of Ghana

11h00 Coffee/Cocoa break

**11h30-13h00 PLENARY: WAR-AFFECTED CHILDREN IN
WEST AFRICA: THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM**
Committee Hall 1

Co-Chairs: Minister James Victor Gbeho and Minister Lloyd Axworthy

Strategic Overview:

Mr. Olara Otunnu, UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General on
Children and Armed Conflict
Children Affected by Armed Conflict

Expert Panel:

Mr. Nigel Fisher, UNICEF Regional Director, South Asia
Leaders and War-Affected Children: Accountability and Commitment
Mme. Ndioro Ndiare, International Organization for Migration, Geneva
Issues of Migration and War-Affected Children
Mr. Amos Sawyer, former President of Liberia and Chairman of the
Centre for Democratic Empowerment
The Case of War-Affected Children in Liberia