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other person who has the care of the child".

Art. 32 CRC requires that parties recognize:
"the right of the child to be protected from economic exploitation and from performing work that is likely to be hazardous or to interfere with the child's education; or to be harmful to the child's health or physical, mental, spiritual, moral or social development" and to take inter alia legislative, administrative and social measures to ensure the implementation of this obligation.

Art. 35 CRC

States parties shall take all appropriate national, bilateral, and multilateral measures to prevent the abduction of, the sale of or traffic in children for any purpose or in any form.

Art. 36 CRC requires the parties to:
"protect the child against all other forms of exploitation prejudicial to any aspects of the child's welfare."

Art. 38 CRC requires parties to:

- (1) undertake to respect and to ensure respect for he rules of international humanitarian law applicable to them in armed conflicts which are relevant to the child:
- (2) take all feasible measures to ensure that persons who have not attained the age of fifteen years do not take a direct part in hostilities;
- (3) refrain from recruiting any person who has not attained the age of fifteen year into their armed forces and in recruiting among those persons who have attained the age of fifteen years but who have not attained the age of eighteen years, the parties shall endeavour to give priority to those who are oldest;
- (4) take all feasible measures to ensure the protection and care of children who are affected by an armed conflict in accordance with the parties obligations under

- to take legislative, administrative and social measures to protect children from economic exploitation;
- prevent the abduction of the sale of or traffic in children;
- protect children from all other forms of exploitation;

⇒ To the extent that the GOS abducts male children off the street in Northern Sudan and forcibly conscripts them into their armed forces and GOS militias use the children they abduct as child soldiers, the GOS is in violation of its obligations under Art. 38 of the CRC. In addition, the GOS is in violation of international humanitarian law and may be guilty of a war crime.