

(iv) *Country-specific tracks:*

- \* The WG could identify areas of the world in which Canada is most interested and active in so that a Canadian child soldier initiative can build on existing development and peacebuilding projects. Once countries are identified, Canada can convene coalitions of the willing around situations where the problem of child soldiers is critical, and where the rights of children in armed conflict are being systematically ignored.

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