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| Supportive countries | | | Unknown/fence-sitters | | | Non-supportive | | |
| Country | GCPEA focal point | Affected country (cases of military use of schools/universities reported between 2005-2012) | Major current troop contributor DPKO missions (top 15, over half of total contributions) | Major current troop contributor AU missions | Ongoing conflict/Deployed in current US-led coalitions (combat role) | NATO member | Existing domestic framework restricting/limiting the use of education facilities for military purposes (laws, doctrine, military orders, jurisprudence) | Prior engagement/positions on the Guidelines process prior to January 2015/strategic considerations |
| Afghanistan | Caelin (NRC) + Veronique (Save-UK) | x | | | x | | | |
| Algeria | Veronique | | | | | | | Supportive statement at Apr 2014 all-state meeting in Geneva; supportive during briefing with African Ambass (Nov '14) |
| Argentina* | Caelin | | | | | | | Lead country on the Guidelines |
| Australia | Sarah Ireland (Save-Australia), Veronique, Bede (HRW) | | | | | | | Statement at dec 16th meeting was broadly supportive, but still reviewing Guidelines for consistency with IHL. Positive statements on problem of military use of schools at March and September 2015 Security Council Open Debates on CAAC. Save the Children Australia met with Australian Defence Department humanitarian law advisors and briefed them on the Guidelines in June 2014. This was coupled with Steven Haines meeting the Australian Mission team in Geneva in August 2014. Australia Government was interested in providing feedback to the drafting team in Geneva. Using the Guidelines as a key ask, Save the Children Australia launched an Integrated Campaign in Australia in November 2014, including significant engagement and education material for children on education in humanitarian contexts (including age-appropriate information on military use of schools). Sent a letter to Ministry of Foreign Affairs in advance on the 16th December UN meeting and planning to follow up with the Government. STC still engaging with DFAT legal section staff members on endorsing the guidelines and engaging in the declaration process. |
| Australia | Bede, Veronique | | | | x | | x | Core group member. |
| Austria* | | | | | | | | |
| Bahrain | | | | | x | | | |
| Belgium | Caelin | | | | x | x | | Spoke on the need to end military use of schools at the march '14 CAAC open debate. Present at both all-state meetings in Geneva 2014, but no statement. |
| Bangladesh | | | x | | | | x | Present at April 2014 meeting in Geneva, but no statement. Biggest troop contributing country for DPKO. |
| Bulgaria | | | | | | x | | |
| Burma/Myanmar | Siv Mjaaland (Save-Norway) | x | | | | | | |
| Burundi | | | | x | | | | |
| Brazil | Bede | | | | | | | |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina | | | | | | | | EU candidate country |
| Cambodia | Veronique | | | | | | | Save the Children Cambodia CEO expressed interest in undertaking advocacy in capital. He was previously Save the Children CEO in Liberia and undertook some advocacy with the Liberia government. |
| Canada | Diya (GCPEA Secretariat) | | | | x | x | | Bilaterals contacts indicate they are not very supportive. Present at December 2014 all-state meeting in Geneva, no statement. |
| CAR | Veronique | x | | | | | | |
| Chad | | x | | | | | | In briefing with African Ambass 14/11/14 question what is the added value given existing IHL? Spoke in favour of preventing military use at the Security Council open debate on CAAC in Sept 2014. |
| Chile | Caelin | | | | | | | Supportive statement at Security Council Open Debate on CAAC in March '14; No participation at any all-state meeting in Geneva |

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| Colombia | Caelin | x | | | x | | x | Participated in both all-state meetings in Geneva 2014. Statement of NON support for the Guidelines (peace process underway, existing measures at domestic level). |
| Croatia | | | | | | | x | Supportive statement at interactive dialogue with SRS-G-CAAC (2014), proactive outreach to Geneva mission made ahead of December 2014 all-state meeting, but did not attend due to conflicting schedule. Follow-up after December 2014 (GCPEA) indicates continued support and interest for the initiative. |
| Czech Republic | | | | | | | x | |
| Denmark | Anita (Save-Geneva) | | | | | | | Joint supportive statement with Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Norway and March '14 Security Council Open Debate on CAAC. Present at both all-state meetings in Geneva 2014. Dec 16th statement welcomed the initiative but awaiting instructions from capital. On the fence. |
| DRC | Veronique/Aurelie (Save-Geneva), Caelin, Bede | x | | | x | | x | Save the Children DRC is developing a strategy for advocacy on the Guidelines. Save the Children UK discussed the Guidelines with MONUSCO and UNICEF in Kinshasa in March 2014 and the UN agencies expressed how they are using the Guidelines in their training of armed forces/groups. |
| Ecuador | Caelin | | | | | | | Present at both all-state meetings in Geneva 2014. Strong supportive statement at December 2014 meeting in Geneva. |
| Egypt | | x | x | | x | | | |
| El Salvador | Caelin | | | | | | | |
| Estonia | Diya | | | | | | x | Positive statement on the protection of schools from military use at Security Council Open Debate on CAAC in March 2014 & specific mention of the Guidelines at September 2014 CAAC open debate. Geneva mission approached before Dec meeting (Save/GCPEA), showed some interest to learn more about the issue, but the meeting did not take place in the end. Not present at either of the Geneva all-state meetings 2014. |
| Ethiopia | | x | x | x | | | | |
| Finland | Anita | | | | | | | Present in Lucens (MoD), engaged further during drafting process. Supportive statement at April and December 2014 all-state meetings in Geneva. |
| France | Veronique, Aurelie | | | | | | x | Save the Children UK has met with the French government on the Guidelines, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defence, (political and lawyers) in Paris in October 2013 and May 2014 and discussed the French government's comments on the Guidelines. Broadly supportive statements at CAAC open debate March 2014, and at both all-state meetings in Geneva 2014. Still on the fence however. |
| Germany | Bede, Veronique | | | | | | x | Present in Lucens (MoFA), continuous engagement at capital level (MoD and MoFA) and in Geneva. Present at both all-state meetings in Geneva 2014. Statement of NON support for the Guidelines at Dec 16th meeting (relationship between Guidelines and IHL) and approached some fence-sitters in February in Geneva. Following meeting with German NGOs in January 2015, Save-Germany and Worldvision have undertaken some advocacy on the Guidelines with parliamentarians, Chancellor's office and MoFA. HRW is coordinating a joint letter to Ministers of defence, foreign affairs and family, as well as a letter to human rights (incl. children sub-committee) and defence parliamentary committees. |
| Ghana | | | x | | | | | |
| Greece | | | | | | | x | Present at April 2014 meeting, but no statement. Positive statement on the issue of protecting schools from military use at the Security Council open debate on CAAC in March 2014. |
| Hungary | | | | | | | x | |
| Guatemala | Caelin | | | | | | | Positive statement on the issue of military use of schools at March 2014 Security Council Open Debate on CAAC. However, no participation in any of the all-state meetings in Geneva 2014. |
| Holy See | | | | | | | | Present at both all-state meetings in Geneva in 2014. |
| Honduras | Caelin | | | | | | | |
| Iceland | | | | | | | x | joint statement with Denmark, Finland, Sweden, , Norway at Security Council open debate on CAAC March '14. EU candidate country. |
| India | Aurelie | x | x | | | | | |
| Iraq | | x | | | x | | | |
| Ireland | Bede Hiba (Save NYC) | | | | | | x | Engaged during drafting process. Present at both all-state meetings in Geneva in 2014. Dec 16th statement was broadly supportive of aims. |
| Israel/OPT | | x | | | | | | Engagement from Save the Children Palestine including in monitoring use of schools and developing a strategy to link the national advocacy with the international strategy. Save the Children Palestine has been disseminating the Guidelines across civil society and diplomatic representation in OPT, integrating them into the Schools as Zones of Peace program. |

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| Italy | Jacqui Hale (Save Bxl) | | | | | x | Positive statement on prevention of military use of schools at the March '14 CAAC open debate. No participation at any all-state meeting in Geneva in 2014. |
| Ivory Coast* | Caelin | x | | | | | Save the Children UK and Save the Children Cote d'Ivoire met with the Government of Cote d'Ivoire in February 2014, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Minister of Education MoD who expressed support throughout the process. The work on the Guidelines is integrated at field level in the work the office is doing on the National Charter for the elimination of violence and abuse in schools and through the Schools as Zones of Peace program. |
| Japan | Bede, Veronique | | | | | | Support for the process of developing the Guidelines expressed at Security Council Open Debate on CAAC in March 2014. Save the Children Japan + HRW had meetings with MoFA, MoD, MoE and Parliament in Tokyo in Dec 2014, where there was some frustration with the fact that Guidelines were closed. Outreach in Geneva ahead of Dec 16th meeting: would have wanted to provide comments on Guidelines and surprised they were finalised. Lead country on the Montreux process (private military firms). |
| Jordan* | Bede, Anita | | | | | x | Save the Children regional office interested in responding to military use of schools and got an Op-ed on military use of schools in Syria published in advance of the 16 th December meeting but could be mobilised to undertake advocacy towards the Jordan government. |
| Kenya | | x | | x | | | |
| Latvia | Diya | | | | | x | Present at both all-state meetings in Geneva 2014, but no statement. |
| Lebanon | Caelin | | | | | | Present at both all-state meetings in Geneva 2014, but no statement. |
| Liberia | | x | | | | | Previous civil society engagement at capital level. Supportive public statement by Minister of Education at GPE Conf (June '14). In briefing with African Ambass 14/11/14 said good document but difficult to enforce during conflict. Not present at any of the all-state meetings in Geneva 2014. |
| Libya | | x | | | | x | |
| Liechtenstein | Aurelie | | | | | | Supportive statements at CAAC Open Debates 2014 and Dec 2014 all-state meeting Geneva |
| Lithuania | Diya | | | | | x | Supportive statement at CAAC open Debates 2014. Present at both all-state meetings in Geneva 2014. |
| Luxembourg | | | | | | x | Supportive statements at CAAC Open Debates 2014 and Dec 2014 all-state meeting Geneva. Letter to GCPEA expressing full support for Guidelines (Dec 2014). |
| Malaysia | Bede, Veronique | | | | | | Expressed interest in the guidelines at a meeting with HRW in NY. Current chair of SCWG-CAAC working group; current ASEAN Chair. |
| Mali | Caelin + Aurelie | x | | | | x | |
| Mexico | Caelin | | | | | | Supportive statement Geneva (Apr '14); Ambassador in Geneva interested. Present at Dec 16th meeting but no statement. |
| Montenegro | | | | | | | Supportive statement at CAAC Open Debate Sept '14. EU candidate country. |
| Morocco | | | | x | | x | |
| Nepal | Aurelie | x | | x | | | Save the Children Nepal facilitated a visit by GCPEA and meetings with the Nepalese government to raise awareness and discuss the Guidelines. Save the Children Nepal has engaged on the Guidelines advocacy at national level in the context of their Schools as Zones of Peace program. |
| Netherlands | Bede, Eamonn (War Child-NL) (+ Save-NL: Riekje Camara) | | | | | | Engaged during drafting stage. Supportive statement at April 2014 all-state meeting in Geneva. Present at Dec 2014 meeting in Geneva, mixed statement. Core group member, then withdrew. Fence-sitter. A joint letter to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Development Cooperation and Defence was sent by Save the Children, Amnesty, War Child Holland, Terre des Hommes, Defence for Children International, and Human Rights Watch in December 2014. Save the Children supported an MP of the main opposition party and spokesperson on Defence and Education in submitting Parliamentary questions and published an Op-Ed in a national newspaper about the launch and the 'Dutch retreat' from the supportive States group. |
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| New Zealand* | Sarah Ireland + Bede | | | | | | Engaged during drafting stage, Core Group member, supportive statements at CAAC open debates 2014 and April 2014 all-state meeting in Geneva. Save the Children NZ is aware and advertised the military use of schools issue in the context of the Malala Nobel peace prize in December 2014. Further discussions are planned between Save the Children and HRW in January 2015. |
| Nigeria* | Aurelie | x | x | | x | | Core Group member, supportive statement at December 2014 all-state meeting in Geneva |
| Norway* | Anita, Siv | | | | | x | Lead country on the Guidelines |
| Pakistan | Aurelie | x | x | | x | | Positive statement about problem of military use of schools at Security Council Open Debate CAAC Sept 2014. Participated in April 2014 all-state meeting in Geneva. Not present at December 2014 meeting in Geneva, but have shown interest. Save the Children Pakistan got an op-ed on the military use of schools published. The Education Cluster co-led by UNICEF and Save the Children have developed "Guidelines on Use of schools during emergencies" in close coordination with Shelter Cluster. The guidelines have also been shared with Civil Military forum led by OCHA in Pakistan. |
| Philippines* | Veronique | x | | | x | x | Key engagement from Save the Children Norway with the Government of Norway in Oslo with Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Education regarding their leadership of the process and specific engagement from the CEO including through presentations and Op-eds . |
| Poland | | | | | x | x | |
| Portugal | | | | | x | | Engaged during drafting stage, supportive statement at CAAC open debate 2014 and April 2014 all-state meeting in Geneva. Present at Dec 2014 meeting but no statement. |
| Qatar | Sarah Green/Mark Richmond (PEIC) | | | | x | | Present in Lucens (MoD), supportive statements at Security Council open debate on CAAC March 2014 and April 2014 in Geneva. Present at Dec 2014 meeting, but no statement. |
| Romania | | | | | | x | |
| Russia | | | | | x | | Present at Dec 2014 meeting in Geneva, no statement. |
| Rwanda | | | x | | | | They spoke on the importance of preventing military use of schools, at the sept 2014 Security Council open debate on CAAC. Major troop contributing country DPKO (top 15). |
| Saudi Arabia | | | | | x | | |
| Sierra Leone | | | | x | | | Present at Dec 2014 meeting in Geneva, no statement. Supportive during african ambassadors meeting. |
| Senegal | Aurelie | | x | | | | In briefing with African Ambass 14/11/14 in Geneva welcomed initiative but questioned if the guidelines aren't stating the obvious (as already set out in IHL), supportive in letter to HRW (Sept 2013). Not present at any all-state meeting in Geneva in 2014. |
| Serbia | | | | | | | EU candidate country. |
| Slovakia | | | | | | x | Positive statement on problem of military use of schools at Security Council Open Debate on CAAC in March 2014, but not present at any Geneva meeting. |
| Slovenia | | | | | | x | Engaged during drafting stage, supportive statements at Security Council Open Debates on CAAC in 2014 (alone and in joint statement with Austria and Croatia). Present at both all-state meetings in Geneva 2014. Short statement in December 2014 expressing support but awaiting instructions. |
| Somalia | Caelin | x | | | x | | Some interest show during early drafting stage. No participation in all-state meetings in Geneva. |
| South Africa | SAIH? | | x | | | | Engaged in drafting stage (Save-UK had meetings in Pretoria, but these), strong statement of support at April 2014 meeting in Geneva. Did not attend Dec 16th meeting in Geneva. |
| South Korea | Bede, Veronique | | | | | | They spoke on the importance of preventing military use of schools, at the sept 2014 CAAC open debate in NY. Present at Dec 2014 meeting in Geneva, no statement. |
| Sudan | | x | | | x | | |

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| South Sudan | Bede, Caelin, Siv | x | | | x | | x | Supportive statement at SRSF-CAAC interactive dialogue March 2014; Minister of Education pledged support for Guidelines At GPE Conf (June '14); Not present at any of the all-state meetings in Geneva 2014, but present at African Ambassadors briefing (Nov 14) and very supportive. |
| Spain* | Bede + Jacqui | | | | | x | | Core group member. MoFA expressed interest in a briefing about the Guidelines. HRW has followed up but no date has been set yet. |
| Sri Lanka | | x | | | | | | |
| Sweden | Anita | | | | | | | Supportive statement at Security Council open debate on CAAC March 2014 (Nordic joint statement). Present at both all-state meetings in Geneva 2014. |
| Switzerland | | | | | | | | Strong supportive statements at Security Council open debates on CAAC (2014) and at Geneva all-state meetings in 2014. |
| Syria | | x | | | x | | | |
| Tanzania | | | x | | | | | |
| Thailand | Bede | x | | | | | | They are part of the Human Security Network in New York, which made a supportive joint statement at the Security Council Open Debate on CAAC in Sept 2014. Participated at both all-state meetings in Geneva in 2014, but no statement. |
| Turkey | | | | | x | x | | They spoke favourably on the issue of preventing military use at the March 2014 Security Council Open Debate on CAAC. Attended the all-state meeting in Geneva in April 2014 but no statement. EU candidate country. |
| UAE | | | | | x | | | |
| Uganda | | x | | x | | | | |
| UK | Veronique | | | | x | x | x | Engaged throughout the process (Save-UK regular meetings at capital level), participated in all all-state meetings. DFID supportive (mentioned Guidelines in their policy paper Dec 2014), but MoD and MoFA not (no formal statement, but during meetings and in correspondence with Save the Children). |
| Uruguay | Caelin | | x | | | | | They spoke of the importance of preventing military use of schools, at the March and Sept 2014 Security Council Open Debates on CAAC. |
| USA | | | | | x | x | x | Save the Children USA met with staff from the State Department's Office of Legal Advisors, International Organization Bureau, and USUN about the Guidelines. Save the Children USA also helped organize a briefing by Diya Nijhowne, the Director of GCPEA with the U.S. Institute of Peace's Civil/Military Working Group; this group has members from the Department of Defence, the Department of State, USAID, and the U.S. NGO community. Save the Children in collaboration with U.S. NGOs at InterAction sent a letter to the U.S. Defence Department in support of the Guidelines. The US government sent comments on the Guidelines that are integrated in the finalisation process. STC sent the attached letter to Deputy Assistant Secretary Anne Witkowsky from Michael Klosson requesting a meeting on the Guidelines with the Defense Department. Save the Children-US has been selected to do a workshop in June at the InterAction Forum entitled, "Protecting Children in Armed Conflict." Diya has agreed to be one of the panelists and will speak about the guidelines. The audience is NGO and civil society leaders and is a great opportunity to raise the profile of the military use of schools with other NGOs who have not been engaged on this issue. |
| Yemen | Siv | x | | | x | | x | |
| Zimbabwe | | x | | | | | | |