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## SCHEDULE **W**

### THE CONVENTION, PROTOCOLS, DECLARATIONS AND RESERVATIONS

#### PART 2 **W**

#### PROTOCOLS

#### OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF CHILDREN IN ARMED CONFLICT

##### *Article 4*

- 1 Armed groups that are distinct from the armed forces of a State should not, under any circumstances, recruit or use in hostilities persons under the age of 18 years.
- 2 States Parties shall take all feasible measures to prevent such recruitment and use, including the adoption of legal measures necessary to prohibit and criminalize such practices.
- 3 The application of the present article under this Protocol shall not affect the legal status of any party to an armed conflict.

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