

Children are one of the most vulnerable category of people on the world and their rights are breached very often. Because children do not have enough strong voice to protect themselves, there are many legal documents designated to their protection. However there are some states which are not bound by these documents and there is only limited possibility of enforcement state parties to documents about child protection to follow them. Children's rights are abused during armed conflicts as well, when children are used as child soldiers. My thesis deals with legal documents about status of child soldier in international law, how children are protected against misusing them as child soldiers during armed conflicts by international law, what is a definition of a child and a child soldier in first part. The thesis is focused on legal protection of child soldiers in some areas of the world and how efficient this protection is in next part. Practical part of my thesis shows that the issue of using of child soldiers is still vivid, because children are still used during armed conflicts around the world. I show possible solutions which would decrease number of child soldiers around the world at the end of my thesis.