



## CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD (1989)

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### THE RIGHT TO SURVIVE

*You have the right to:*

- ❖ life
- ❖ nutritious food, clean water, adequate shelter and sufficient clothing
- ❖ good quality health care
- ❖ equal opportunities if you have a disability
- ❖ live with your parents or be given good care if this is not possible

### THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN A SAFE WORLD

*You have the right to:*

- ❖ a clean environment
- ❖ protection from being physically harmed or made to feel badly by what people say
- ❖ special care during times of war and not be used as soldiers or *hostages*\*
- ❖ special care if you are a *refugee*\*\*
- ❖ legal help if you are accused of breaking the law

### THE RIGHT TO LEARN AND ENJOY LIFE

*You have the right to:*

- ❖ an education that helps you develop to your greatest ability
- ❖ opportunities for recreation and 'fun time'
- ❖ freedom to practice your culture and use your language
- ❖ freedom to practice your beliefs
- ❖ protection from being forced to work long hours, or work before a minimum age, or being sold into slavery
- ❖ know about your rights

### THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD

*You have the right to:*

- ❖ a name and nationality (This gives you the benefits of being a citizen of a country)
- ❖ have people listen to your opinions, especially when adults are making decisions that affect you
- ❖ participate in peaceful gatherings
- ❖ take action to change things for the better (as long as your actions are not illegal)

\**Hostage* = a person held captive and whose life is threatened unless certain demands are met

\*\**Refugee* = a person who has to leave his or her country because of war or unfair treatment