



# Upholding the rights of children on the move: learning from the « refugee crisis » Session 1



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# Protecting child refugees is a shared responsibility



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# Children were victims of war in their homeland, victims during their transit and are victims today on arrival



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# Fleeing war is not a crime



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# Political role, political will, political resources



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# 40% of refugees are children



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# Any claim made by children should be made a priority



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# Governments should reinforce their child protection systems



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# We should address this “children crisis” with dignity and by respecting children’s human rights



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# Refugees don't have a voice, and their children even less



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# “Being locked up for your own good” is unacceptable



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# Children should be placed in appropriate shelters or other settings



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# Refugee children have the right to education and to social participation



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