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**Media Advisory**

**The Museum of Military History and the  
United Nations Information Service (UNIS) Vienna**  
invites you to a

**Press Breakfast and official opening of the photo exhibition:  
Children of War: Broken Childhood**

on

**Friday, 12 February 2010 at 09:00 hours**

at the

**Museum of Military History  
Arsenal, Object 18, 1030 Vienna**

In many places around the world, some 250,000 children are being recruited unlawfully to participate in armed conflicts as soldiers, messengers, spies, porters, cooks or to provide sexual services. Many are pressed into combat, where they may be forced to the front lines or sent into minefields ahead of older troops. Some children are also used as suicide bombers. This is taking place every day, violating children's rights, breaking their childhood and compromising their future. This exhibition of photographs of child soldiers is a call to stop this terrible phenomenon. The exhibition will be open from 12 February until 12 March 2010.

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