

U.S. Child Soldiers Prevention Act: Five Year Review of Military Assistance Waivers

Every year, the U.S. State Department identifies foreign governments that use or support the use of child soldiers. Under the Child Soldiers Prevention Act, these governments are prohibited from receiving [certain forms](#) of U.S. military assistance and arms sales unless otherwise exempted by the president via national interest waivers. The president may elect to waive, in part or in full, the application of the CSPA's prohibitions and allow the identified countries to continue to receive U.S. weapons and military assistance.

- Since 2010, the administration has authorized nearly \$1 billion in arms sales and military assistance to countries with records of child soldier use.
- It has withheld roughly \$35 million – representing approximately 4 percent of the amount of military assistance and less than 2 percent of the amount of arms sales that would otherwise have been prohibited by the CSPA.

The table below shows countries identified on the CSPA list since 2010 and provides the aggregated total amount of military assistance and arms sales that the administration authorized and/or withheld during that time. The shaded boxes indicate the year(s) in which a given country was identified on the CSPA list and are color-coded to represent the type of waiver a given country received, if any.

Military Assistance and Arms Transfers to Countries Identified on the CSPA List since 2010

Burma <table border="1"> <tr> <td>2010</td><td>2011</td><td>2012</td><td>2013</td><td>2014</td><td>2015</td> </tr> </table> Requested: \$0 Authorized: \$0	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	CAR <table border="1"> <tr> <td>2013</td><td>2014</td> </tr> </table> Authorized: \$100,000 Withheld: \$23,029,208	2013	2014		
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Syria <table border="1"> <tr> <td>2013</td><td>2014</td><td>2015</td> </tr> </table> U.S. does not provide sanctionable military assistance or arms to the government of Syria	2013	2014	2015	Yemen <table border="1"> <tr> <td>2010</td><td>2011</td><td>2012</td><td>2013</td><td>2014</td><td>2015*</td> </tr> </table> Requested: \$26,400,000 Authorized: \$313,831,645 Withheld: \$0 <i>*The administration delegated authority to the Secretary of State to make a waiver determination to resume assistance if circumstances in the country change</i>	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015*	
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Full waiver received
 No waiver received
 Partial waiver received
 No sanctionable assistance offered