

## **Call for information to be included in the Report of the Secretary-General on Resolution 78/31 on Youth, Disarmament and Non-proliferation**

SCRAP Weapons (*Strategic Concept for the Removal of Arms and Proliferation*)

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- **About Us**

[SCRAP Weapons](#) is a disarmament project housed at SOAS University of London (UK). Through pioneering research and steadfast advocacy, SCRAP Weapons is significantly advancing arms control and disarmament both within United Nations multilateral fora and beyond. Our primary commitment lies in leading a global campaign to request the reactivation of the UN General Assembly mechanism of [special sessions on disarmament](#), in order to overcome the impasse in international disarmament negotiations, and advance discussions in reforming the disarmament machinery.

- **Amplifying Youth Voices: Our Hands-On Approach**

SCRAP Weapons is committed to advancing its mission through youth-led and youth-centered initiatives. Our consultant, Monalisa Hazarika, has consistently represented SCRAP at international forums, including [IPPNW Canada's](#) Monthly Speaker Series, the [“Common Security, The New Agenda for Peace, and the Pact for the Future”](#) event by the International Peace Bureau, and most recently, at UNRCPD's Informal Regional Meeting [“Separate Agendas, Common Objectives.”](#) Alongside fellow consultant Zahraa Kapasi, she also organized and represented SCRAP at multiple [side events during the Summit of the Future](#) at the UN Headquarters.

Other notable youth-led interventions include Vanessa Canola at the [“Advancing the Global Agenda of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World”](#) side event during the 2024 NPT PrepCom, Grace Oraq at the [2024 UN Civil Society Conference](#), and Rafi Chowdhury at the UNGA First Committee on Disarmament and International Security, where he delivered a [joint civil society statement](#) emphasizing the urgent need to initiate preparations for SSOD-IV. To promote and advance disarmament education, SCRAP Weapons, in March 2025, launched the [“Arms and Arguments” Book Club](#)—a platform fostering critical thinking and dialogue among youth. Through the [SCRAP Weapons blog](#), we empower youth to publish articles, offering a unique avenue for them to reflect on their learning experiences and explore topics they're passionate about.

- **Our Recommendations**

SCRAP Weapons recommends the following action-oriented steps for meaningful and sustainable youth participation in disarmament, non-proliferation, and arms control spaces.

1. Upholding, to the highest standards, the commitments made in the [Pact for the Future](#), including “*concrete voluntary measures to increase the inclusive representation of youth in decision-making at all levels*”.
2. Dedicated and sustained funding for youth engagement and empowerment efforts. This can range from an increase in paid entry-level positions for early career professionals, greater attention in their capacity-building programs, as well as financial support for youth-focused initiatives on the ground.
3. Call upon member states, especially those that do not currently have a youth delegate program, to take into consideration how providing space for youth-led interventions in international forums and meaningfully engaging them in their national delegations to the United Nations can help tackle the manifested structural inequities faced by youth.