

STATES OF JERSEY



CEASEFIRE IN GAZA (P.7/2024): AMENDMENT (P.7/2024 AMD.) – CHILDREN’S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT

**Presented to the States on 22nd February 2024
by the Minister for External Relations**

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CHILDREN’S RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT (CRIA)

PART 1: SCREENING

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Type of Duty Bearer: (Minister, Elected Member or States Assembly Body)	Minister for External Relations
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Date:	22/02/2024

<p>1) Name and brief description of the proposed decision</p> <p>The subject of your CRIA may be a proposed law, policy or proposition and in accordance with the Law is referred to in this template as the ‘decision’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the problem or issue the decision is trying to address? • Do children experience this problem differently from adults?
<p>The States Assembly are being asked to express their opinion on a range of matters related to the current conflict in Israel and Gaza.</p>
<p>2) Which groups of children and young people are likely to be affected?</p> <p>Groups of children could include early years, primary or secondary education; young adults; children with additional learning needs; disabled children; children living in poverty; children from particular ethnic backgrounds; migrants; refugees; care experienced children and LGBTQ+ children</p>
<p>The conflict affects children and young people (and indeed people of every age) in Israel and Gaza.</p>
<p>3) What is the likely impact of the proposed decision on children and on their rights?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify any potential positive OR negative impacts and include indirect impacts on children and their rights as described in the UNCRC • Will different groups of children be affected differently by this decision?
<p>It is a matter for debate as to whether a proposition adopted by the States Assembly, relating to a matter which is constitutionally within the responsibility of HM Government, and not the Government of Jersey or the States Assembly, can be expected to have any realistic impact on children or young people in Israel and Gaza.</p> <p>The amendment seeks to express the opinion of the States Assembly that there should be an immediate suspension of hostilities to enable the unconditional release of hostages and those under unlawful detention, the urgent provision of humanitarian assistance, a permanent ceasefire and a diplomatic resolution to the conflict. It does so in a way which seeks to balance the views of all communities with an interest in the conflict and in a manner which is consistent with Jersey’s constitutional position. If adopted, the intention of the amendment would be to reduce, minimise and ultimately eliminate death, harm and suffering to all involved in the conflict.</p>
<p>4) Is a full Children’s Rights Impact Assessment required?</p>

If you have identified impacts on children and their rights, a full CRIA should be completed. If no impacts are identified then a Full CRIA is not required, but please explain your rationale and how you reached this conclusion

It is not considered that a full CRIA is required. It is questionable as to what the direct impact of this amendment might practically and realistically be on children and young people in Israel and Gaza, given the likelihood of a proposition of the States Assembly (on a matter which is without the Assembly's constitutional remit) playing any significant part in the future development of the conflict.

The proposition is being debated in order to allow the Assembly to express an opinion, which it is entitled to do.