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Corrigendum

Paragraph 12 should read:

While the National Army has complied with the Law 548 of 1999 prohibiting forced and voluntary recruitment of children, enrolment by illegal armed groups persists, though the number of cases is impossible to estimate. Poverty, low quality of education in rural zones, lack of opportunities, domestic violence, exploitation, abuse and an idealistic perception of armed groups and weapons are among the risk factors. In 2006, the Committee on the Rights of the Child strongly emphasized the need to end children's participation in illegal armed groups. Meanwhile, from 1999 to 31 May 2007, 3,237 demobilized children and adolescents received specialized attention by the Colombian Family Welfare Institute (*Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar, ICBF*).