



The missing element for peace *Independent progress study on youth, peace and security (2018)*

Resolution 2250 requested the UN Secretary-General to "conduct a progress study on the positive contribution of youth to peace processes and conflict resolution, with a view to recommending effective responses at the local, national, regional and international levels", and to present its findings to the UN Security Council and Member States.

This study has given young people around the world the opportunity to contribute to debates on key peace and security issues facing their communities. It was developed through a unique participatory research process involving face-to-face discussions (focus groups, regional and national consultations) with a total of 4,230 young people, as well as research, surveys and mapping exercises in 27 countries.

This progress study was based on thematic and commissioned country research, which provided evidence on youth participation in formal and informal peace processes, as well as on the links between the JPS agenda and issues such as countering violent extremism, transitional justice, migration and social networks, among others. This research was also useful in identifying existing knowledge gaps on youth, peace and security.