

Request for non-substantive change to the DS-156:

The Department of State is requesting a non-substantive change to the DS-156.

The Visa Office is adding additional text to bullet three of question 38: **Have you ever engaged in the recruitment of or the use of child soldiers?**

This addition is necessary in order to implement the Child Soldiers Accountability Act of 2008, Public Law 110-340. Section 2(b) of the Act created a new visa ineligibility for individuals who have engaged in the recruitment and/or use of child soldiers. The addition of this question is necessary to ensure that all visa applicants are asked about their potential involvement the recruitment and/or use of child soldiers.