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Foreign Minister, Lakshman Kadirgamar at a UN session has highlighted the plight of children being conscripted by militant groups in the ongoing conflict.

Mr. Kadirgamar was addressing the special two-day Plenary Session of the UN General Assembly devoted to youth issues.

The minister was referring of the LTTE conscripting youth to the movement.

In his statement, Minister Kadirgamar emphasised the bipartisan support for addressing youth issues in Sri Lanka as well as for international cooperation in this area. Referring to the general problems of unemployment, poverty, drug abuse and lack of education opportunities affecting the youth, the Minister outlined action taken by Sri Lanka to rationalise vocational training schemes to make them market

responsive and cater to the requirements of the expanding private sector in the framework of the liberalised economic policy.

The highlevel meeting devoted to youth issues was an initiative of the Non-Aligned Movement in which Sri Lanka was the prime mover at the Non-Aligned Ministerial Meeting held in Cairo in 1994.