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Subject: Report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on child, early and forced marriage to the Human Rights Council pursuant to resolution A/HRC/RES/24/23 of the Human Rights Council

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva, and United Nations programmes and agencies, and has the honour to refer to Resolution A/HRC/RES/24/23 entitled, “Strengthening efforts to prevent and eliminate child, early and forced marriage: challenges, achievements, best practices and implementation gaps.”

In its Resolution A/HRC/RES/24/23 adopted on 25 September 2013, the Human Rights Council requested “the Office of the High Commissioner to prepare a report, in consultation with States, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, civil society and other relevant stakeholders, on preventing and eliminating child, early and forced marriage, with a particular focus on challenges, achievements, best practices and implementation gaps, to be submitted to the Human Rights Council prior to its twenty-sixth session, and to guide the panel discussion.”

Accordingly, the Office of the High Commissioner would be grateful to receive any relevant information for the preparation of this report. In particular, views and information would be welcome on:

- a) How States are implementing their obligations under international human rights conventions and international human rights treaties on child, early and forced marriage at the national level;
- b) Surveys, Assessments and studies carried out at national and sub-national level on the prevalence of child, early and forced marriage and/or its impact on the human rights of women and girls and other affected groups;
- c) Policies, projects and measures at national and sub-national level to promote the elimination of child, early and forced marriage specifically including action taken to address the issue in marginalised and minority communities, and to address or mitigate its impact including information on the outcomes of such policies, projects and measures;

- d) Steps taken to prohibit child, early and forced marriage as well as examples of positive experience and challenges encountered at the national level in adopting policies, measures and implementing strategies to address this issue;
- e) Recommendations on good practices regarding possible appropriate measures and strategies to prevent and eliminate child, early and forced marriage.

The Office of the High Commissioner would appreciate receiving your response by **15 December 2013** in order to collate the responses in preparation for the report and discussion during the Human Rights Council twenty-sixth session. All responses should be addressed to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations CH 1211- Geneva 10, Fax number +41 22 917 9008. Response or any queries may also be sent electronically to registry@ohchr.org, akufuorowusu@ohchr.org, vbirga@ohchr.org

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

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