Subject: Report of the Secretary General on progress towards ending child, early and forced marriage worldwide pursuant to General Assembly Resolution 69/156

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 General Assembly Resolution 69/156 adopted on 18 December 2014.

In Resolution 69/156, the General Assembly requested “the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report, based on information provided by Member States, United Nations bodies, agencies, funds and programmes, civil society and other relevant stakeholders, on progress towards ending child, early and forced marriage worldwide since the issuance of the report of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of 2 April 2014, with particular emphasis on high-prevalence countries, best practices for programmes aimed at ending the practice and supporting already married women and girls, gaps in research and implementation and legal reforms and policies related to this matter, before the end of its seventieth session.”

Accordingly, the Office of the High Commissioner would appreciate receiving your inputs for the preparation of the report. Inputs should be sent to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (c/o Adwoa Kufuor, Research and Right to Development Division, OHCHR, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland; Fax: +41 22 917 90 08; Email: registry@ohchr.org, akufuor-owusu@ohchr.org) by 05 February 2016.

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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