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The Office of the United Nations 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 has the honour to refer to Resolution A/HRC/15/17 entitled, "Preventable maternal mortality and morbidity and human rights: follow-up to Council resolution 11/8", which was adopted by the Human Rights Council in September 2010.

The OHCHR was requested to prepare an analytical compilation of good or effective practices in adopting a human rights-based approach to eliminating maternal mortality and morbidity. The Human Rights Council requests that the analytical compilation include:

- (a) identification of how such initiatives embody a human rights-based approach,
- (b) the elements of these initiatives that succeed in achieving reductions in maternal mortality and morbidity through a human rights-based approach, and
- (c) ways in which similar initiatives could give effect more fully to a human rights-based approach.

To assist the OHCHR in its preparation of the report, States and all other relevant stakeholders, including regional organizations, the World Health Organization, the United Nations Population Fund, United Nations Women, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, relevant special procedures, the United Nations Children's Fund, the World Bank, civil society and national human rights institutions; are invited to submit information to the OHCHR **on initiatives that exemplify good or effective practices in adopting a human rights-based approach to eliminating preventable maternal mortality and morbidity.**

You are kindly requested to submit any information on good or effective practises **within 3,000 words** to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (United Nations Office at Geneva, CH 1211 Geneva 10: Fax: +41 22 917 9008; Email: [registry@ohchr.org](mailto:registry@ohchr.org)) by **1 April 2011**. Unless stated otherwise, the information provided will be made available on the OHCHR website. Any enquiries may be made to Melinda Ching Simon at [mchingsimon@ohchr.org](mailto:mchingsimon@ohchr.org), tel: +41 22 928 9140.

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

Geneva, 13 January 2011

