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**Call for inputs to inform the report by the Secretary-General on progress towards ending child, early and forced marriage worldwide**

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and has the honour to refer to General Assembly resolution 77/202 on “Child, early and forced marriage”.

The General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report, based on evidence, before the end of its seventy-eighth session, on progress towards ending child, early and forced marriage worldwide, as well as best practices, using information provided by Member States, United Nations bodies, agencies, funds and programmes, civil society and other relevant stakeholders.

In this regard, OHCHR is seeking inputs from Member States and other stakeholders to inform the preparation of the aforementioned report. OHCHR would appreciate receiving written contributions, comprising replies to the guiding questions in the annex.

Submissions should be received by **15 April 2024** and be:

* Limited to 3000 words;
* Sent by email in Microsoft Word format to [**ohchr-registry@un.org**](mailto:ohchr-registry@un.org) with [**ohchr-wohchr@un.org**](mailto:ohchr-wohchr@un.org)in CC**,** including in the e-mail subject line: **input to SG report on child, early and forced marriage, pursuant to GA resolution 77/202**;

Submissions will be made publicly available, in full and as received, on the OHCHR website, unless otherwise requested.

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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 and other international organizations in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.

**ANNEX**

Report by the Secretary-General on progress towards ending child, early and forced marriage worldwide

Guiding questions

1. What efforts have been made or are planned to address the recommendations of the latest report of the Secretary-General on the issue of child, early and forced marriage (A/77/282)? Please, provide information, *inter alia*, on measures to:
   1. address the root causes of child, early and forced marriage including social norms, gender inequalities and stereotypes;
   2. ensure access to education, decent work, social protection, health services, including sexual and reproductive health, for girls and women who are affected or at risk, who are already married or in informal unions, who have fled such a marriage or union, whose marriage has dissolved, and widowed girls or women who were married as girls;
   3. guarantee protection measures, remedies and support services for victims;
   4. implement child- and gender-responsive budgeting to support effective measures to eradicate child, early and forced marriage.
2. What prevention mechanisms have proved effective to eradicate child, early and forced marriage? Please include examples of promising practices and challenges encountered on engaging family members, religious, traditional and community leaders, in raising awareness about, and countering child, early and forced marriage.
3. What kind of approaches and tools have been used to collect disaggregated data on child, early and forced marriages, as well as informal unions?
4. Have digital technologies and tools been used to address child, early and forced marriage? If so, please share promising practices, challenges and possible solutions.
5. Are digitalized birth and marriage registration systems being used in your country, requiring mandatory registration of all births and marriages, including childbirths at home and marriages under customary and religious laws? Do these digitalized registration systems allow to verify digitally birth certificates, before registering any marriage?
6. What other innovative strategies have been used to address child, early and forced marriage, as well as informal unions and collect data on this practice in your country?