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Dear Madam/Sir,

Subject: Preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age as a human rights concern – Human Rights Council resolution 24/11

I would like to draw your attention to Human Rights Council resolution 24/11 on preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age as a human rights concern.

In the aforementioned resolution, the Human Rights Council requests the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in close collaboration with the World Health Organization, to prepare concise technical guidance on the application of a human rights –based approach to the implementation of policies and programmes to reduce and eliminate preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age, and present it to the Human Rights Council at its twenty-seventh session.

The Office of the High Commissioner would be grateful to receive any relevant information for the preparation of this technical guidance. In particular, views and information would be welcome in relation to the following:

- 1) Please provide information on how your organisation/institution works to reduce mortality and morbidity of children under five years of age. In particular, please describe any action that your organisation/institution has taken to ensure that human rights standards and principles such as non-discrimination, participation, transparency and accountability, are systematically integrated in efforts to address and reduce under-five mortality and morbidity.
- 3) How is your organisation/institution working to ensure that underlying determinants such as safe drinking water and adequate sanitation, safe food and adequate nutrition, adequate housing, healthy environmental conditions and gender equality are taken into consideration in the prevention of child mortality and morbidity?

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I would be grateful if you could send any information to Imma Guerras-Delgado, Advisor on Child Rights, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (e-mail: registry@ohchr.org, cc: iguerras-delgado@ohchr.org) by **Friday, 7 February 2014**. The information provided, which should not exceed 5 pages, will be made available on the OHCHR website.

I thank you in advance for your contribution to the technical guidance.

Yours sincerely,

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