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PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM HARMFUL PRACTICES
WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON CHILD MARRIAGE AND THE
INTERRELATEDNESS TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

Moderator:
H.E. Ambassador Pedro Comissário Afonso
Permanent Mission of Mozambique to the UN

The panel will include the participation of:
• Patricia Schulz
  CEDAW Committee
• Marta Santos Pais
  Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General
  on Violence against Children
• Peter Newell
  International NGO Council
  on Violence against Children
• Stuart Halford
  Centre for Reproductive Rights
  and Sexual Rights Initiative
• Selina Amin
  Plan Country Project Manager, Bangladesh

Launch of two reports:
1. Protecting children from harmful practices in plural legal systems with a special emphasis on Africa
2. Violating children's rights: harmful practices based on tradition, culture, religion or superstition

Overall goals:
A. by SRSG on Violence Against Children and Plan International, 2012
B. Thematic overview on child marriage and how it compromises children's rights, including the fulfillment of children's right to health and sexual reproductive rights.

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