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[on the report of the Third Committee (A/68/452 and Corr.1)]

68/148. Child, early and forced marriage

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions [66/140](#) of 19 December 2011 on the girl child and [67/144](#) of 20 December 2012 on the intensification of efforts to eliminate all forms of violence against women, as well as Human Rights Council resolution 24/23 of 27 September 2013, entitled “Strengthening efforts to prevent and eliminate child, early and forced marriage: challenges, achievements, best practices and implementation gaps”,¹ and all other previous resolutions relevant to child, early and forced marriage,

Reaffirming its resolution [66/170](#) of 19 December 2011 on the International Day of the Girl Child, and noting with appreciation the theme of the first International Day, “Ending child marriage”,

Guided by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights,² the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights³ and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,³ as well as other relevant human rights instruments, including the Convention on the Rights of the Child⁴ and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,⁵

Reaffirming the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,⁶ as well as the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development,⁷ the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action⁸ and the outcome documents of their review conferences,

¹ See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 53A (A/68/53/Add.1)*, chap. III.

² Resolution 217 A (III).

³ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

⁴ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1577, No. 27531.

⁵ *Ibid.*, vol. 1249, No. 20378.

⁶ A/CONF.157/24 (Part I), chap. III.

⁷ *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5–13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

⁸ *Report of the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing, 4–15 September 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.13), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I and II.



1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on preventing and eliminating child, early and forced marriage, with a particular focus on challenges, achievements, best practices and implementation gaps, mandated by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 24/23,¹ as well as the related summary report on the panel discussion to be held at the twenty-sixth session of the Council, to the General Assembly at its sixty-ninth session under the item entitled “Promotion and protection of the rights of children”;

2. *Decides* to convene during its sixty-eighth session a panel discussion on child, early and forced marriage worldwide, including the elaboration of the post-2015 development agenda, requests the Secretary-General to liaise with States, relevant agencies, funds and programmes of the United Nations system, relevant special procedures mechanisms, civil society, including relevant children and youth organizations, and national human rights institutions with a view to ensuring their input, and also requests the Secretary-General to prepare an informal summary report on the panel discussion;

3. *Also decides* to consider the issue of child, early and forced marriage at its sixty-ninth session under the item entitled “Promotion and protection of the rights of children”, taking into account the multifaceted and worldwide nature of the issue of child, early and forced marriage.

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