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PROMOTING QUALITY ALTERNATIVE CARE IN HUMANITARIAN SITUATIONS

Human Rights Council side event, 8.30-10 am, 7 March 2018

Palais des Nations, Geneva, Room VIII, Light breakfast will be provided

Supported by the Permanent Missions of the European Union, France, Italy and Uruguay, a number of international organisations are organising a side-event to complement the annual day on the rights of the child focusing on humanitarian settings. The side event's objectives are to use international standards, in particular the UN Guidelines on alternative care of children to build bridges between the humanitarian sector, alternative care workers and others to improve responses in order to:

- Identify main problems children face, challenges in preventing the need for care and providing appropriate care within existing frameworks;
- Promote prevention mechanisms and family re-integration to avoid unnecessary separation;
- Promote "appropriate" protection and care, by planning for family and community based options;
- Promote inclusion of children in planning and implementation of responses, to the extent possible.

The side event seeks to present promising practices from various regions as follows:

- Welcome speech and promising practices in **Italy**, Permanent Mission of Italy to the International Organisations in Geneva, His Excellency, Ambassador Maurizio Enrico Luigi Serra
- Keeping families together in **Europe**, Belgrade Centre for Human Rights, Vlada Sahovic and Bogdan Krasic
- Innovative alternative care responses for older children in **Southern Africa**, UNHCR
- Building capacities of front-line workers in **South Asia**, IFRC, Gurvinder Singh, Advisor, Child Protection, Planning, Strategy and Knowledge Department
- Limiting recourse to intercountry adoptions in humanitarian situations - learning from **Haiti** and other countries, international child protection consultant, Nigel Cantwell

For further information and/or to organise temporary badges to enter the Palais des Nations, please contact by 3 March: mia.dambach@iss-ssi.org

