Invitation for the side event
Too Young To Wed
Empowering Girls as Leaders of Tomorrow

September 25, 3.30 - 5 pm
Conference Room 3 (CB), UNHQ

Child, early and forced marriage is a major problem, violating the rights of millions of girls and impeding the development of communities. While difficult, this is a problem that can be addressed. In forging an action agenda, we need to build on existing activities and current momentum by increasing commitment, resources and initiatives. The panelists at this forum demonstrate their commitment and urge others to join them in moving forward.

Special Guests:
Angelique Kidjo, (panelist as well)
UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador

Farwa Khalil,
Global Youth Speakers Network, Plan International

Panel:
Hon. John Baird,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada

Hon. Hanna S. Tetteh,
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration of the Republic of Ghana

Hon. Lilianne Ploumen,
Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin
Executive Director, UNFPA

Ms. Geeta Rao Gupta,
Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF

Moderator:
Dr Helene Gayle
President & CEO Care USA

If you are not from a Permanent Mission, please RSVP at: nyv-rsvp@minbuza.nl, by 23 September 2013, 12pm, in order to receive a special event ticket.