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Dear Mr. O'Connell,

I have the pleasure to extend to World Society of Victimology an invitation to participate as expert observer in an open-ended intergovernmental expert group, mandated by United Nations General Assembly resolution 68/191, to discuss ways and means to more effectively prevent, investigate, prosecute and punish gender-related killing of women and girls, with a view to making practical recommendations, drawing also on current best practices, in consultation with relevant United Nations entities and human rights mechanisms.

The Government of Thailand has offered to host the open-ended intergovernmental expert group meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, from 11 to 13 November 2014. The meeting will be held in all official languages of the United Nations.

Due to the extra-budgetary nature of the meeting, no funds are available for assistance with travel and/or accommodation costs of participants.

In order to facilitate the discussion of the meeting, the United Nations Secretariat has prepared a background paper on gender-related killing of women and girls. This background paper alongside the provisional agenda and an information note for participants regarding administrative details to facilitate travel, accommodation and other arrangements, will be available on the UNODC website at the following location in due course: <http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/justice-and-prison-reform/expert-group-meetings7.html>.

I would appreciate it very much if the name(s) of the delegated expert(s) with his or her complete contact details could be sent as soon as possible and no later than 17 October 2014, to the following address: Justice Section, Division for Operations, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, P.O. Box 500, 1400 Vienna, Austria, by fax to: +43-1-26060-74125 or electronic replies can be submitted via e-mail to: justice@unodc.org (with a copy to safa.zaben@unodc.org).

Yours sincerely,

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