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The Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the United Nations

cordially invite you to attend a side event:

**Empowering Women and Girls:  
Innovative Collaborations to Combat Trafficking**

**Wednesday, September 21, 2011  
from 4:00 to 5:15 p.m.  
United Nations NLB Conference Room 5**

Remarks by

United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime Executive Director Yuri Fedotov  
U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Melanne Vermeer  
Minister of the Office for Policy for Women, Brazil, Iriny Lopes  
Director General, International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands,  
Yoka Brandt  
U.S. Ambassador-at-Large, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons Luis CdeBaca  
President of Corporate and Government Affairs for ManpowerGroup, David Arkless

Followed by interactive dialogue

This event will be held on the margins of the 2011 UN General Assembly and will showcase innovative collaborations, such as public-private partnerships or awareness programs that engage new media technology, to prevent and combat trafficking of women and girls. To help draw attention to this important global affliction, we will invite representatives of civil society who have been actively engaged in this issue to participate.

This year's event is a follow-up to a 2009 side event titled "Combating Violence against the Girl Child," hosted by the three countries.

**Member State and NGO delegates are invited to attend.**

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