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The Missions of the United Kingdom, United Arab Emirates, Argentina, and Bulgaria to the United Nations, along with Lumos, are delighted to invite you to a high-level discussion...

'We Are Not Merchandise': Modern Slavery and Children in Institutions

November 28, 2017

1:15 – 2:30 pm

UN Headquarters, Conference Room 8

An estimated 8 million children live in orphanages and other institutions across the world. More than 80 years of research has demonstrated that children raised in institutions are more likely to suffer life-long physical and psychological harm and experience dramatically reduced life chances.

Over 80 percent of children in institutions are not 'orphans' and have at least one living parent. Poverty, disability, and marginalization tear children from their families. Institutions often promise food, shelter and education – yet these promises are rarely delivered.

There is a growing body of evidence highlighting how many children are being exploited: trafficked in and out of institutions, becoming victims of modern slavery.

Please join us for a high-level discussion, where Lumos, the international NGO founded by author J. K. Rowling, and other partners, will share the latest research on the 'orphanage business' and how it can be tackled.

The panel discussion will feature Georgette Mulheir, CEO of Lumos; senior representation from Haiti's National Committee against Trafficking in Persons; and representation from the US Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (J/TIP).

Please RSVP to Patrick.Hanna@wearelumos.org by November 24.

On November 28, please arrive at the Visitors Entrance of the United Nations on 1st Avenue at 46th Street no later than 12:45pm, and please bring with you a government-issued ID.