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USFMEP PRESS RELEASE: 57th Commission on the Status of Women Side Events

Representatives of Member States gather annually at United Nations Headquarters in New York in order to evaluate progress on gender equality, to identify challenges, to set global standards and formulate concrete policies to promote gender equality and women's empowerment worldwide.

This year, March 4th-15th marks the 57th Commission on the Status of Women. The **US Federation for Middle East Peace** will join forces in the dialogue as a host for two high-level events during the Commission. The CSW side events will facilitate important discussions with leading experts from the Middle East, Europe and the US. Representatives from more than 156 countries will be in attendance at these high level side events. Since inception, the **USFMEP** has hosted annual events at the United Nations in order to promote and empower women and girls throughout the world. Two core objectives of the **USFMEP** mission are the involvement of women in conflict resolution and the elevation of women's status in Middle Eastern societies. As an international non-profit with consultative status to the United Nations, the **USFMEP** also raises awareness about women's issues throughout the international community.

The Influence of Faith on the Elimination of Violence against Women & Girls

Wednesday: 13 March 2013, 11:30 to 12:45

UN Headquarters: Conference Room B, North Lawn Building

The *Influence of Faith* discussion will highlight the religious and secular misconceptions of the roles of women and girls, of which breed gender-targeted violence. Distinguished panelists include renowned international experts on the issues of interfaith open communication and the definitions of the roles of women and girls within diverse faith communities.

Laws on Violence against Women and Girls Presented by Women Judges

Thursday: 14 March 2013, 11:30 to 12:45

UN Headquarters: Conference Room D, North Lawn Building

The *Laws on Violence against Women* will focus on a sustained, coordinated and systematic action by Governments, the international community and civil society as exemplified in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, CEDAW. **Mrs. Ban Ki Moon, UN Secretary General spouse**, will deliver opening remarks. Renowned international judges will discuss the violence that occurs worldwide and the international legal framework that is in place and that is also necessary to eliminate violence against women and girls to occur.