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**UN Commission on the Status of Women Session 59**

**WITCHCRAFT ACCUSATIONS - VIOLENCE & TORTURE -   
WOMEN & CHILDREN**

**March 11, 2015**

**4:30 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Salvation Army Center – Auditorium**

**221 E. 52nd St. – Between 2nd & 3rd Avenues - NYC**

**Distinguished Speakers:**

* **Ms. Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the UN Secretary - General on Violence Against Children – Statement**
* **Mr. Sam Togba Sleswion, MSW – INPEA, International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse, Liberia**
* **Mr. Gary Foxcroft, Executive Director, WHRIN - Witchcraft & Human Rights Information Network – Statement**
* **Dr. Eleanor Nwadinobi, President, Widows Development Organization, Nigeria – Health Implications of Witches Accusations against Widows & Children**
* **Ms. Lois A. Herman, Coordinator WUNRN, Women's UN Report  Network – Power Point on Global Witchcraft Allegations**
* **Ms. Stephanie Ortoleva, President of Women Enabled International - Targeting as Witches, Women & Children with Disabilities**
* **Ms. Lys Anzia, Human Rights Journalist & Founder of WNN-Women News Network – Witchcraft Accusations & The Law in India**
* **Ms. Cristina De Rossi, MA Social Anthropology, Writer on Gender, Anthropology & Social Justice – Witchcraft Accusations as a Means of Social Control & Targeting of Women in a Global Context – Statement**

**Moderator: Ms. Lois A. Herman, Coordinator WUNRN, Women’s UN Report Network**

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