

- **Secretary General on Violence against Children and Special Rapporteur on Sale of Children**

The Human Rights Council held an interactive dialog with the Special Rapporteur of the Secretary General on Violence against Children and the Special Rapporteur on the Sale of Children. Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children, said violence continued to hamper the lives of millions of children around the world. Younger children were at special risk, having less ability to speak up and seek support and also greater chances of suffering irreversible emotional and health damage.

Ambassador Adam thanked the rapporteurs for their presentation and highlighted, that promoting and protecting the rights of children and eliminating all forms of violence against them is a priority for the Maldives. Ms. Adam noted that child abuses include not only severe human rights abuses, such as trafficking but includes corporal and emotional punishment both at home and the school.