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### **Statement submitted by Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council**

The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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**Statement\***

Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International was founded in Japan on 6 October 1961, when its foundation was blessed by 460 well-wishers from 18 countries. Rev. Dr. Yosnouke Nakano, an eminent Japanese social worker, was elected the Founder-International-President. In 1976 Dr. Yoshiko Y. Nakano succeeded the International Presidency. On 6 October 2011, Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International will observe its golden jubilee.

Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International places first priority in its activity on Capacity-Building of young men and women from developing countries in Asia, the Pacific islands, Africa, Central Asia, Central America and Latin America. Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International and its affiliated training centres are in operation in Bangladesh, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Thailand and Timor-Leste. Four training centres in Japan, existing since 1968, will have accommodated 3,983 potential nation-builders from 48 countries and regions by the end of March 2011. In-country training centres are accommodating not less than 1,000 men and women every year. Its system of women's capacity enrichment programmes has been popular. The practice of organic farming training for women in Bangladesh has been well-rooted since 1988. It is recognized as a very rare, successful experience in Islamic society of the world.

Since 1991, Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International has been implementing Children's Forest Programme as an effective means to enhance moral and spiritual virtue of schoolchildren while encouraging them to protect their own habitat environment by means of planting trees themselves. The participating schools have crossed 4,400 in 28 countries by the end of March 2011, with a great potential to increase both the number of participating schools and countries. Trees planted by children during the past 20 years are thought to have crossed 100 million.

Organization for Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement International believes that its activities have positively been contributing to advance the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to education. Its commitment in such areas will be maintained beyond its golden jubilee.

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\* The present statement is being submitted without formal editing.