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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*

Geriatrics Care Foundation of Pakistan (GCFP) is always in favour of education and knows the power of education to bring vast and positive change in society and open minds from extremism towards modernism and liberalism. Only through education will our country come forward and interact better with developed nations. Unless all citizens get access to education, there will be no change in society. There is a need to provide not only formal education but also informal education and the correct teaching of Islam in madrasas and in schools.

GCFP organizes regular conferences to promote awareness of non-formal education on different health topics on the radio and television. We provide access and knowledge to youth, women and the elderly by writing articles in newspapers; teach children about the true teaching of Islam, love, harmony, peace and respect for others; organize medical camps and provide medical facilities, check-ups, medicines and training; organize lectures for students in school and colleges; provide computer training to needy children, girls, women and elderly; give training to paramedical staff in hospitals; focus on youth, girls and women; interact with the Government to implement programmes through different ministries; and mobilize private businesses to invest in the education system.

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