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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

Youth employment: the basis for realizing sustainable development

We noticed that the theme for the annual ministerial review segment of 2012 will focus on promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the Millennium Development Goals, which is very significant.

We noticed that youth creativity is essential to social development. In recent years, the International Ecological Safety Cooperative Organization has been putting urban poverty and youth employment as its priorities to contribute to achieving the Millennium Development Goals. First, the organization has provided guidance for rural development in less developed countries and least developed countries in terms of using local resources to develop modern agriculture and establishing an integrated ecological agriculture system focusing on planting, ecological farming and ecological tourism. This, in turn, not only solved the problem of youth employment but also boosted economic development. Second, the organization has provided Governments and enterprises with guidance in conducting comprehensive improvements to barren mountains and urban wastelands to create youth employment opportunities, which will enable young people to have stable jobs and stable income, and eventually realize balanced development among economy, ecology and society. Third, since the establishment of the organization five years ago, it has completed over 20 projects on poverty eradication, including a *juncao* technology project that has been expanded to Brazil, Lesotho, Rwanda, South Africa and many South-East Asian countries. Since 2008, there have been four terms of the international *juncao* technology training programme every year, with over 100 trainees each term. Over 1,600 people from less developed countries and least developed countries have completed the programme.

In 2012, based on follow-up to past poverty eradication projects, the organization will set up youth employment training bases in Africa, North America and South-East Asia. In addition, together with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme, it will release a report on youth in China during the sixth session of the World Urban Forum, to be held in September in Naples, Italy, and launch a youth employment training programme.
