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objectives and action in critical areas of concern and
further actions and initiatives**

Statement submitted by Indian Development Foundation, 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 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.



Statement

Realizing that radical social reconstruction can be achieved by active interventions, Indian Development Foundation has a carefully planned and skilfully executed programme for empowerment of women and girls. We have also conducted a meta-study of best practices of non-governmental organizations with similar objectives and have identified successful and sustainable programmes for women's empowerment.

We are now actively engaged in technological interventions for women's empowerment. The first project involves training in the use of a point-of-use filter membrane that will ensure safe, potable water. A technology advisory committee, including Dr. S. Prabhakar and A. P. Jayaraman, specialists in desalination and water filtration technology, has been set up to work out the project management.
