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### **Written statement<sup>\*</sup> submitted by Society of Iranian Women Advocating Sustainable Development, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status**

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

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## **Women and Sustainable Development in Iran**

Iran, being an arid/semi-arid country, has been very successful in providing access to safe drinking water and sanitation to its urban and rural population. However, the country has performed weakly in reversing the loss of forests, energy use, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and consumption of ozone-depleting CFCs and all have shown a deteriorating trend. Iran also needs greater efforts in protecting biological biodiversity. Despite these notable progresses towards sustainable development, there are still shortcomings which need to be addressed.

In Iran as many societies environmental problems caused by air pollution, noise pollution, water pollution, waste management, manufacturing crisis and uncontrolled urbanization. However the use of agricultural pesticides, destruction of forests, waterways and redirect even natural disasters is due to lack of knowledge of individuals, groups and organizations, non-governmental or non-participation in social and economic activities.

Women are one of the major groups which effected by the Environment and also one of the group which effect on climate change. Their activities will effect on social life and family life too.

Fortunately, women today are active to protect the environment and sustainable development through organizations such as, environmental NGOs, health volunteers, council and community support ....

Agriculture plays the main role in the economy of our country, which provides 1/3 of jobs occupation, and supports 4/5 nutrition need of the country. Agriculture as 1/2 non-oil export of the country supplies 9/10 industrial needs for agriculture products which today is 1/5 GNP.

Countries agriculture depend on activities of 4.2million rural families. Rural women are the main point in these production unite and economical structure of the family cannot sustain without their presence. Rural women's participation in economical activities cannot be neglected. Although due to our social culture. Their role in rural development are not transparent.

Today unfortunately poverty in the family come due to Sanction and social high level of life. Lack of sufficient income makes the family to abuse the natural resources and continue environmental degradation., for instance, using trees in rural areas as a heating system is due to the lack of access to fossil fuels.

Poverty eradication and optimal use of natural resources is a obligation for our country's Development. Therefore we as Environmental NGO's have established a NET WORK with the name of PROMOTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. We urgently active for human poverty and the optimum use of renewable and non-renewable natural resources. As far as Environmental problems will not effect in limited areas and has no boundaries. Any disaster will effect whole world and will leave behind negative effects.

As all leaders agreed and signed in Brazil on 2012 and said We, the heads of State and Government and high level representatives, having met at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 20-22 June 2012, with full participation of civil society, renew our commitment to sustainable development, and to ensure the promotion of economically, socially and environmentally sustainable future for our planet and for present and future generations. Therefore The NET WORK OF PROMOTION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT are active for sustainable development of our country and eradicating poverty is the greatest challenge. In this regard we are committed to free families from poverty and hunger as a matter of urgency.

Currently in our country due to the complexity of environmental issues, environmental factors, abuse has become one of the most challenging situation.

Environmental NGOs in Iran, offer planned green economy based on sustainable development and poverty alleviation in the framework of a sustainable development goals of the Islamic Republic IRAN

We've detected that poverty eradication, development planning and implementing global strategies instability is possible.