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“Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for  
the twenty-first century”**

### **Statement submitted by Service and Research Institute on Family and Children, 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

The education of women and girls is a major investment in the development of a nation. The reproductive health of women revolves around the education of both men and women. It is said that the best and most effective contraceptive pill for women is education.

Equality between men and women is needed more than ever. It starts in the home, with the need to synchronize the family systems in economic, political, technological, social and religious settings. Because women are natural managers and teachers, they must be allowed to fulfil these key roles in conjunction with men by:

- (a) Increasing women's representation in all decision-making bodies, for example at the ministerial level or in parliaments;
- (b) Creating a peaceful environment to make women more visible and for them to play a participatory role in the human development process;
- (c) Enhancing decision-making processes to include women in strategic decision-making processes, in particular those relating to peace and conflict;
- (d) Recognizing, respecting, protecting and supporting women, thereby enabling them to exercise their reproductive function, which is a basic requirement for human development.

It is in establishing such values that justice, human rights and fundamental freedom, as well as true peace, will prevail. This will enable women to develop their potential to the fullest and give their maximum contribution to the post-2015 agenda as partners, agents and beneficiaries of development, thereby ensuring a more secure human world for women and children and the family as a social unit.

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