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to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly  
entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and  
peace for the twenty-first century”**

### **Statement submitted by European Union Association in the United States, 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.

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## Statement

The contribution of women to a balanced sustainable development begins from our ability to recognize their fundamental contribution to society and the well-being of countries social order.

Women represent the alpha in life for humanity; the loving nature starts with the gift of life and the sensitivity and kindness associated to them.

Our ability to facilitate a balanced social development that includes and supports women and men in a balanced way is key to well-being and balances the status of countries' sustainable development, economic and social welfare.

It is imperative for the United Nations community to use every opportunity available to share with our fellow United Nations member states information that reinforce the understanding of the importance of supporting and nourishing the contribution of women to a balanced and sustainable global development.

As a Non-Governmental Organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, the European Union Association is working at contributing to such efforts starting with informative events. Part of the celebrations of the Asia Europe Meeting 11 20th anniversary, with the participation of women and activists from Europe and Asia who in cooperation with United Nations Agencies promote the rights of women, will present the advantages the emancipation and contribution of women give to a harmonious sustainable development in society.

We encourage the Non-Governmental Organization community and the United Nations Family to follow the example in recognizing the pivotal importance of women in ensuring a sustainable and balanced development on a global level.

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