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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

People achieve but achievements can either be through an individual effort or team efforts; whatever the process, achievements are not in isolation of Empowerment, Inclusiveness, and Equality. Through Empowerment, the individual or team will experience leverage of freedom of choice that are supported by direct actions and mandates the individual or team uses to have control over their own available resources and decision-making. Inclusiveness confirms that people as “Social Beings” appreciate being part of activities of progress that ensure that everyone is involved in generating support for progress. Equality assurance take advantage of the similarities not the differences and making sure that all available opportunities and resources are allocated based on equity for the benefit of all.

WLI’s Goal: SDG 4

This was what WLI envisioned as its technical and management staff of today were being trained within United Nations and Partner Organizations that supported Liberians during the Civil Crisis from 1990 to 2014 and its Post-War activities up to present. We chose to learn within the UN during those years in order to regroup for Empowerment, Inclusiveness and Equality for all.

Incorporated, in the Republic of Liberia in 1997, in the USA in September 2002, gained tax exempt in 2007, qualified in USAID Assistance Management in 2016 and as INGO through INSIDEGO/Humentum and gaining Special Consultative Status with ECOSOC in July 2018 as the first Liberian entity with such status for which we are grateful and ready to serve our people if the UN and the NGO community will trust us.

To achieve this journey, we had to be empowered, included and equitably treated by all including ECOSOC and the people and organizations met along the way. Since then, we have been working in the Republic of Liberia to reidentify ourselves to the communities that know us while assessing their status of life.

Be informed that we have regained the confidence of our people and have re-entered their communities as we did before through our United Nations employers to work with, support and rally them into simple and cost-effective ways of regaining their economic, social and health lives.

As a new organization, we work in the Republic of Liberia with very limited resources generated out of our operations with the Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs and the Intellectual Disability Services of Pennsylvania for which we were given accreditation by the Liberian Government in March 2019 and are humble to serve this impoverish nation, the Republic of Liberia, a founding member of the United Nations. It is not a coincidence for this assembly to identify empowerment, Inclusion and Equality as the theme.

WLI is significantly poised to continue the agenda of empowerment, inclusion and equality.
