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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

For 25 years since the Beijing women conference, world leaders have concerned themselves about women and how best to reposition women in the overall sectors of world development. The concerns further led to the establishment of UN Women at the United Nations to address gender equality and participatory roles of women in decision making, political and leadership positions. In 2015 world leaders signed into action, the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals, which highly reflect the overall concerns and expectations on women and girls.

There had been overriding interest across the world to ignite machinery of action on women roles. Successes had been made relevant deriving from the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, yet more is needed in refocusing the mind set of women and girls for sustainability and positively helping women and girls to reimagine themselves in such roles that could support the move of the global agenda successfully.

Since 2013, our organizations has enacted action on the mission of organizations along the trends in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Sustainable Development Goals.

Our organizations established initiatives that have not only drew the attention of the mission of their organizations to the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action but have aligned the mission of their organizations to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Tabernacle Worship and Prayer Ministry Inc adopted the institutional mechanism for the advancement of women and the environment for women in religion and community. They further flagged the campaign on “1000 women in religion for global peace” with the mission of transforming lives through information sharing, education and training, economic and resource empowerment along the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development to women and girls in world religion. The mandate of the campaign is to provide necessary resources that could encourage women in world religion to utilize institutional mechanism for the advancement of women and girls in world religion. At present, 1000 women in religion for peace had provided online certificate course on Security Council Resolution 1325 and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action to women in religion in communities of three countries.

LEAH Foundation adopted women and health; human rights of women, women and the environment; and the girl child to address the health and social needs of women in the community. To ensure the implementation of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, LEAH Foundation through the campaign “Life Empowered Anchors Hope” works to ensure that adequate, available and affordable resources for achieving social welfare, health of women on cervical and breast cancer; and education are provided to women in the communities of Kwara State Nigeria. LEAH Foundation established health centers and clinic and commits to referral services, counseling and health support scheme where necessary in addressing Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action on women and health and the Sustainable Development Goal 3 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Today, through the LEAH Foundation mobile clinic, most lives of women in rural community of Kwara State have reached medical attention on cancer and affected ones were given adequate referral.

The Irene Menakaya School adopted the education and training of women, women and the environment; and the girl child to reach out to women and girls in the community on the outcome of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. The

school Mothers Forum every year provides community education and training along the annual Commission on the Status of Women themes and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The school also provides succor to women in needy situation with financial resources to start small scale business in overcoming poverty. Through the Mothers Forum, the school provides knowledge about the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the mandate of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action to reach about 90 per cent of women in the community. These women are also led to certificate education in local vernacular to address their common issues in the community. Majority of women in the community have learnt about the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through the community efforts of the school on “My Child is My Pride Initiative”.

African Cultural Promotions Inc. works to advance the mission of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through social respect and understanding between people, work of the government and the promotion of cultural exchange in communities. Through its programs, Musiculture, Schooltalenculture, Better Live than Die and Culture, ACPI provides education and awareness about the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action through cultural exchange programs while utilizing language of the community. To achieve the global goal and the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action for meaningful commitment, African Cultural Promotions Inc develops programs specifically tailored to the affective, social needs and interests of the prevailing need initiative for the community. Through its program, advocacy and dialogue African Cultural Promotions Inc creates dynamic and robust network of individuals across disciplines and cultures among women and youth.

Women and Child Watch Initiatives utilizes a multi-pronged and consistent approach to advocate and promote laws, policies or practices that enhance the mental, physical and socioeconomic status of women and children on the framework of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the Sustainable Development Goal 5 and targets. The core activities in communities are focused on protection and defense of the rights of women and children, free eye treatment and surgery for adult & children-, advocacy on prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS) and “spelling bee” competitions among secondary schools in community schools.

Priorities in the future implementation of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action

Our organizations posits that the past 25 years of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the ushering of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals has laid strong foundation for the voices of women and the repositioning of women to active participation in national, community and society development. The past 25 years had also enacted action for gender awareness and inclusion, creating understanding for actual teamwork in addressing issues of national and societal development.

As we hold to discuss the gains, challenges, strengths and weakness where necessary in the past 25 years at the sixty fourth session on the Commission on the Status of Women, efforts should focus on sustaining the gains of the past 25 years of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and improving on the weaknesses for the next 25 years of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

Our organizations strongly recommend that the next 25 years of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the remaining 11 years of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development should work on strategies that could:

- Sustain social protection and active participation of women in decision making

- Inclusive development and shared prosperity for sustainable future of women and girls
- Sustain gender recognition and acceptance in all ramification and spheres of development
- Encourage non-government organizations and working groups to design a holistic inclusive model to bring into action a 25 years action oriented strategies that could adequately embrace the sustainable future of women
- Ministries of Women Affairs in countries should be approached to develop holistic inclusive model curriculum on Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action to include the Sustainable Development Goals to aid women organizations in the mission for gender generation while on community and national assignment
- Utilize Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action to develop culturally appropriate literacy programs that are specific to women and girls in particular locality

In conclusion our organization affirms that the 25 years of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action has made major impact on issues concerning women and our organizations believe more will be made in the future of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action. In order to achieve a more sustainable change towards women, we strongly note that overall inclusion of women in all sectors of development processes and at all possible levels should be given more attention in the development Agenda and the next 25 years of Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

The value of profound intergenerational relationships to bestow wisdom and gender confidence among girls must not be ignored as the world continues to generate equality in the minds of persons for a sustainable world.
