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political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

### **Written statement\* submitted by the Family Health Association of Iran, 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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## **The Statement on Preventing Domestic Violence against Women**

In the present century, violence has been one of the most saddening kinds of behaviour taken against humanity and human rights. Violence recognizes no boundaries and all countries whether developed or developing suffer from this problem in a way. Amongst the victims of violence, women are more vulnerable compared to other groups. Women are exposed to various kinds of violence, the most noticeable kind of which is domestic violence. Domestic violence faces women with serious physical, psychological and social problems and deprives them of the right to a healthy and happy life.

Family Health Association of Iran which is an official member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), is a leading NGO in the Islamic Republic of Iran in respect of working against domestic violence, and takes worthwhile efforts in collaboration with governmental and non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians, lawyers, professors, researchers and philanthropists to that effect. Our main goal is to make society and policy makers aware of domestic violence and promote anti-violence policies in the society. In this respect, we prioritize focusing on cultural activities. Our activities in the area of empowerment of vulnerable groups in order to prevent and reduce domestic violence include teaching life skills and providing the related counselling services. The Association in its support centers trains peer instructors who after empowerment will pass on helpful instructions to the clients who will in turn become empowered themselves. These centers introduce the social emergency as a solution to the clients.

As mentioned, ending domestic violence first of all requires solutions at the national level, and in this regard it is necessary to receive the support of governments, professors, researchers, and national and international NGOs.

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