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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

Our organizations, African Cultural Promotions Inc., Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria, Irene Menakaya School Onitsha and Women and Child Watch Initiative welcome the priority theme of Commission on Social Development and the thirtieth anniversary of the International Year of Family and further wish to affirm that.

One way to fostering social development and social justice through social policies to accelerate progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to achieve the overarching goal of poverty eradication is to create a movement in society toward greater equality, economic fairness, communal participation in fostering development, and acceptance of cultural diversity. The movement will seek to empower marginalized communities and exert change in unjust institutionalized systems.

Through community service-learning, with its focus on fostering social development and social justice, making meaningful contributions to society, can be a favorable setting for communal dwellers to gain a lived understanding of social justice through accelerating progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and achieving total eradication of poverty that will last a lifetime.

Our organization in the course of our programs in the community, observe that much is really needed to strengthen social policies for social justice to facilitate a socially just transition towards sustainable development. There is need to build back better corporately to reduce socioeconomic status of humanity to enable eradication of poverty and improved successes to the implementation of the 2030 Development Agenda.

Community needs stronger empowerment strategies to drive economic resurgence from poverty leading to promotion of social justice and decent work. The humanity-centered status on social development, social justice, economic fairness could be placed on recovery strategies to aid in fostering development and integration of:

- The efficiency of previous and existing social policies in the community.
- Improvement of social policies on implementation, support services and acceleration of progress towards implementation for the 2030 Agenda and eradication of poverty in communities.
- Integrating social justice into all-inclusive community development frameworks and policies to create a society where everyone's rights and opportunities to reach their full potential is established for a sustainable future.

African Cultural Promotions Inc., Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria, Irene Menakaya School Onitsha and Women and Child Watch Initiative admonish broad areas of policy action in consideration to the 62nd Commission of Social Development in our responding to the intending outcome on the priority Theme as:

- There should be a framework for a better recovery to advance social development and social justice to achieve the 2030 Agenda for all in the perspective of the Decade of Action and progress of the Sustainable Development Goals in communities.
- There should be need to invest on communal habitation capital, including training and upskilling for improvement of community resilience and economic growth of communal dweller.

- Consider the technological era of the present-day global warming and improve accessibility to digital world towards social development, access work, social justice, health care and education.
- Increase social cooperation and shared learning across community borders, community-public-private partnerships and community amalgamated finance schemes.
- Create an accommodating poverty eradication policy environment through introduction of enterprises and workers in different sectors to enable sustainable profit from the structural transformation process for a more inclusive, resilient, and sustainable marketplace in the community.
- Strengthen and consolidate social protection and social justice systems, so that they do not rely on direct, traditional paths but also helps people to be more productive.

African Cultural Promotions Inc., Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria, Irene Menakaya School Onitsha and Women and Child Watch Initiative considers the priority theme, “Fostering social development and social justice through social policies to accelerate progress on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to achieve the overarching goal of poverty eradication to provide the basis for the Commission’s dialogue and discussion on the 62nd Session as a framework that could drive social development, social justice, enhance 2030 Development implementation framework and eradication of poverty in communities to advance sustainable cities in the community.

Thank you.
