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including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by Beijing Guangming Charity Foundation, 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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Using Social Forces to Assist Children with Autism to Participate in National Level Activities

The "Star Project" public welfare project for children with autism was initiated by the Beijing Guangming Charity Foundation at the United Nations headquarters in New York. It includes rehabilitation assistance, empowering families with autism, and international cultural exchange for public welfare. Allowing children with autism to participate in social activities and enjoy national welfare like normal children is the most basic right of a person.

The National Painting and Calligraphy Competition for Primary and Secondary School Students is a nationally recognized youth art education activity in China. It encourages young people to showcase their artistic talents, cultivate their artistic sentiments, and enrich their spiritual connotations in an authoritative professional form. Based on the principle of "art therapy", the foundation collaborates with competition organizer to encourage children with autism to participate equally in national level activities, express their emotions and hearts through artistic creation, improve their physical function, and bring spiritual pleasure, helping children with autism recover and grow. Through this activity, more "normal" children can care for autistic children, do not discriminate against them, help them integrate into society, into school, into the family, and practice the national "disabled and healthy integration" action.
