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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

ISEA Foundation, at a conference in Cairo in May 2018 attended by ministers from neighboring countries, highlighted that the world, with a population of 7.62 billion people at the time, was entering the 'Fourth Industrial Revolution'. Recognizing the rapid development of groundbreaking technologies, the foundation stressed the need for a social system that guarantees 'Survival Human Rights' and proposed a model for blockchain-based financial techniques that could enable fair distribution in alignment with the United Nations' 2030 Agenda.

This model was further developed and supported at a conference held in May 2019, which garnered backing from NGOs and IGO institutions from 48 countries and 110 cities. The model aimed to return financial sovereignty to global citizens, ensuring the fulfillment of the seven most basic survival human rights needed for human survival, namely: Right to Food, Right to Sleep, Right to Emergency Medical Service, Right to Movement, Right to Communication, Right to Education, and Right to Information. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the model was tested to see if it could support the purchase of essential goods.

Given that this platform model was recognized as an effective policy capable of solving employment issues and facilitating fair distribution, it will be implemented by the Global Blockchain Finance Committee (GBFC), an organization established to manage and oversee its operation. However, in order for the model to be effectively expanded universally, considerations were made regarding digital access for people in regions without internet and methods for registering the identities of unregistered individuals. This was presented at the Financing for Development (FfD) conference in April 2021.

As we discuss these matters, the world population has increased to 8.18 billion, 500 million more than the initial figure presented six years ago. The world now faces the expansion of wars and rapid climate changes. However, the advancement of revolutionary technologies has only deepened the marginalization of already excluded regions and people, exacerbating their suffering. Hence, the platform technology that our foundation and NGOs envision for global citizens is urgently needed. This requires the support of the United Nations and direct agreement from governments.

Our Statement is: **In the Fourth Industrial Revolution, the system must guarantee survival human rights.**

In previous industrial revolutions, the leading powers contributed to the misfortune of some of humanity. When machines replaced human labor, the response should have been to reduce working hours, not lay off employees, and provide more leisure time for self-development and volunteering opportunities.

However, the powers at the time chose to fire workers. As a result, despite the establishment of orphanages and welfare facilities, many people continued to suffer from disease and unemployment. Even though there is enough food production to feed 12 billion people, 800 million people were still hungry in 2018, and as of 2024, with a population increase of 500 million, unemployment and redistribution issues have not been resolved.

Blockchain technology-based platform models can return financial sovereignty to global citizens, automate government tax revenues and welfare distributions, simplify the tasks of guaranteeing survival human rights, and reduce operating costs. Such a model must be adopted in the early stages of government and smart city planning and infrastructure development.

**Our era must prioritize platforms that return financial sovereignty to global citizens.**

Most experts focus on AI, drones, 3D printing, big data, and other technologies in the Fourth Industrial Revolution. However, history has shown that after each industrial revolution, wealth inequality has been maximized, unemployment has increased, and environmental degradation has led to climate crises. Instead of allowing such consequences, we seek to prevent these issues from arising in the first place.

The United Nations, national governments, and NGOs are currently relying on donations from wealthy corporations or individuals to maintain welfare systems, waiting for large companies to show goodwill. However, as we all know, misfortune can befall anyone, anywhere. People work hard to earn money, but in doing so, they suppress their natural talents and skills, leading to increased depression, stress, drug use, sexual deviance, and violence.

Fifty years ago, a leader in South Korea, who foresaw that those who controlled technology would become the rulers of the world, led the country from a GNP of \$64 in 1964 to become the 12th largest economy in the world despite the threat of war. Similarly, in our time, we have realized that it is possible to implement a blockchain-based financial system platform model that guarantees survival human rights and returns financial sovereignty to global citizens. Through this platform, we can create policies that ensure price stability, transparency, reasonable tax implementation, and prevent illegal transactions. As seen in United Nations reports, around 60% of the world's population will soon live in cities with populations over 1 million, making the urgent application of such a model essential.

**The fundamental principle must be the inclusion of everyone.**

The core principle of the United Nations '2030 Agenda' and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals is "Leaving No One Behind". According to the Secretary-General's 2020 report on the roadmap for digital cooperation, "Over 1 billion people globally lack legal identity and thus cannot access basic goods and services. If a good digital identity management and verification system is established to protect personal privacy and data, these people could be helped to access essential services." This demonstrates the severity and urgency of the issue.

Blockchain technology can be used to solve this problem by managing identities and simultaneously providing financial support. Our organization will promote national economic and social development in line with the United Nations's 17 Sustainable Development Goals, using blockchain financial mechanisms to guarantee survival human rights. This is already partially confirmed in the General Assembly document ([A/HRC/45/NGO/3](#)).

Furthermore, the United Nations Secretary-General's report mentions, "Experts note that surveillance technologies, including facial recognition, have often led to serious privacy violations by governments, individuals, and private sectors." To address these issues, blockchain technology, which can provide universally recognized and transparent information, must be utilized for identity protection and financial support.

This statement proposes the use of the blockchain financial platform model suggested by our organization, independent of any specific government or institution, to ensure universal access to survival human rights for all global citizens. This model guarantees identity protection, making it possible for everyone, everywhere, to be included and protected from exclusion. Therefore, we call for the adoption of this social policy system model in all regions, ensuring that no one is left behind.