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Statement submitted by The International Society for Peace and Safety, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council*

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

The International Society for Peace and Safety (ISOPS) and Humanitarian Innovation Group (HIG) form a coalition of non-governmental organizations, companies, academic institutions, and highly skilled individuals who collaborate to reform and modernize humanitarian aid.

Today, we face unprecedented challenges that require a rethinking of traditional aid models. Millions of people around the world are displaced, seeking not only safety but also a means to rebuild their lives with dignity and purpose. The current system of humanitarian aid, while invaluable, often reinforces social hierarchies that position beneficiaries solely as recipients of support. At HIG and ISOPS, we believe it's time to change this paradigm.

Our approach flips this hierarchy. By implementing sustainable, innovative solutions, we are empowering people to become active participants in their own recovery. Through social enterprises, relocation programs, job training, and education initiatives, we are helping individuals regain control over their futures and contribute positively to their host communities. This approach strengthens local economies, supports social cohesion, and promotes self-sufficiency.

We are not alone in this mission. Our coalition includes NGOs with consultative status, companies, academic institutions, and experts across sectors, all united in creating modern tools that meet the evolving needs of those we serve. Together, we are redefining humanitarian aid through a series of pilot projects, each designed to test and scale innovative solutions that put people, communities, and local economies at the heart of aid delivery. I am also pleased to announce the launch of the Global Humanitarian and Development Hub—a social laboratory where we will incubate sustainable solutions, developing them case by case. Once proven, these solutions will be accelerated and applied to real-life challenges, transforming humanitarian response and creating lasting impact.

We invite the esteemed members of ECOSOC and all stakeholders here to join us in this endeavor. With your support, we can scale innovative solutions and reshape humanitarian aid, creating a more resilient and inclusive system that serves people in need more effectively.

Thank you.
