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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement*

It is important that young people have an opportunity to receive their human right of education. New Future Foundation has been educating young people and sending them to school for many years. We have been involved with exchange student programmes and getting scholarships for youth to attend school as well as advocating for primary education. We send school supplies, notebooks, books, pencils, erasers, and other resources to Dakar. We have organized vocational training in order for young people to take their skills and transform them into something viable as well as exposing them to English as a second language.

The traditional methods and ways of contributing to universal education need to be upgraded. The organization is challenging the world community to seek new ways and methods to incorporate technology into the delivery of education. The legacy left to this generation is the computer, and all the energy of space races and weapons proliferation. Teachers in developing nations need training; many are barely more qualified than the level they are supposed to teach. We feel that the coupling and implementation of technology-based methods along with traditional efforts will go a long way to helping realize Goal 2 of the Millennium Development Goals.

* The present statement is being issued without formal editing.