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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

World Mission Foundation welcomes the theme of the 2012 annual ministerial review.

World Mission Foundation recognizes promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty as a global approach to sustain equitable growth and productive livelihood, especially for people of African descent living with HIV/AIDS. This is central to addressing issues on poverty eradication and economic advancement in reaching the Millennium Development Goals.

World Mission Foundation, in considering the present economic situation globally, affirms that the 2012 annual ministerial review theme will enable understanding of how people of African descent living with the HIV virus can promote productive economic capacity in addressing equity for progress in meeting the Millennium Development Goals. It supports the annual ministerial review moving to integrate approaches that could enhance job opportunities for productive capacity among people of African descent.

The work of World Mission Foundation in Africa, Asia and the United States of America on HIV/AIDS has highlighted the need for sustainable, economic growth and poverty eradication among people living with HIV/AIDS. Such issues as stigmatization, discrimination, family dejection, isolation and inadequate nutrition must be integrated into the efforts to achieve growth and development on Millennium Development Goals by 2015 and beyond.

As more people living with HIV/AIDS can be provided with decent work employment, the capacity of productivity will be promoted along with capital increase, education, technology and productive economic capacity. Economic output can provide more disposable income while promoting resources for business investment expansion.

Recognizing these facts, World Mission Foundation considers global productive initiative that could be accessible to HIV/AIDS-infected and -affected individuals of African descent on employment. The Foundation believes the following actions must be taken into consideration in achieving the Millennium Development Goals:

(a) Adopt a comprehensive approach to job-intensive growth to enable economic, social and human development with regard to people living with HIV/AIDS;

(b) Increase economic commitment to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable growth for people of African descent living with HIV/AIDS;

(c) Recognize that the period for meeting the Millennium Development Goals will end by 2015, and there is a need for increased political will and resources to improve the quality of life of people of African descent living with HIV/AIDS;

(d) Develop integrated coherent policies and a strategic framework by 2015 that incorporates the most crucial aspects of the Millennium Development Goals on sustainability, poverty eradication, employment and decent work;

(e) Prioritize implementation of decent work opportunities and accessibility, which are essential for reducing poverty and improving the quality of life of people living with HIV/AIDS;

(f) Invest in comprehensive social infrastructures and human resources to enhance the security of people living with HIV/AIDS among people of African descent, and recognize the importance of helping them to overcome stigma and marginalization;

(g) Develop and provide a healthy, educated, skilled and productive foundation for socio-economic development for success in achieving the Millennium Development Goals;

(h) Encourage the promotion of productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty for sustainable economic growth for people of African descent living with the HIV virus, through best practices.
