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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

Substantial progress has been made regarding the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) but we are still at an important crossroads while transitioning from the MDGs to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The main topic to be discussed is how a project and a process can be sustainable and what can be altered towards sustainability.

The SDGs aim to focus and spur action toward making the world a better place by 2030 and MAHAK, in line with its commitment to contribute to the realization of SDG 3 which is “Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all”, has maintained its sustainability by adhering to SDG 17 and revitalizing its partnerships to achieve this goal. We believe that national, regional and international partnerships, with those who share a common goal, assist us to access the most up to date science, expertise, innovation and resources; and will enhance knowledge sharing between different organizations.

Scaling up public-private collective capacities along with building strategic partnerships is essential for each and every organization committed to the realization of the SDGs by the end of 2030. Though, the main concern for organizations like MAHAK would be funding for such partnerships. To address this concern we would like to suggest allocating partnership funding for volunteer organizations. This could be undertaken through independent evaluator organizations focused on the assessment of partnership applications. The same could be undertaken for evaluation of the sustainability of the partnership project. The result should be directly connected to funding. The better the rating, the more favourable the funding arrangements. The partnership grants can be provided to support new and existing partnerships and projects.

This could be undertaken by:

- a. Proposing the establishment of a global partnership fund and an independent global organization to carefully study and evaluate each applicant’s proposal through sustainable and result-based approaches and with the required funding programmed separately
- b. Recognizing successful partnership strategies by evaluators and presenting to the public by independent evaluators (nationally and internationally) for further studies, and new NGOs to use as project models

Working collaboratively, we will make a difference; we can achieve a healthy and sustainable planet for this and future generations.