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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

To reach our sustainability goals by 2030, and for the economy to thrive, women must be properly acknowledged for their unique attributes and contributions to society. In addition, they must be empowered and included as equal partners in society and the workplace.

Women are initiators, innovators, nurturers, supporters, facilitators, motivators, organizers, and peacemakers. Recognizing and respecting our beloved daughters, supportive sisters, nurturing mothers, loving wives and capable co-workers for their manifold unique contributions will bring the long overdue empowerment women deserve. This change will radiate to the culture of the media, entertainment industry, classrooms, workplace, boardroom, and within government.

We call upon women to value and identify with their feminine energy as daughters, sisters, mothers, wives and grandmothers. We also call upon our sons, fathers, husbands and brothers to uphold this sanctified view in the home, business and public arena.

When thought changes, actions change. Therefore, thought creation, rooted in "total education", should be civil society's primary interest. The Isa Viswa Prajnana Trust is working on this through their "Education for Total Consciousness" programmes, which empower students and teachers with the tools necessary to attain total knowledge instead of partial knowledge.

The Global Energy Women's Parliament, organized by the Isa Viswa Prajnana Trust, is working with women around the world to uphold this higher vision of women's contribution to society and the business world. It strongly supports respect and equality in all objective (outer) measures including home, wages, participation and job opportunities. But we also acknowledge the important and distinct subjective (inner) factors of what make a woman a woman.

We must not forget the importance of women any more than we can forget the existence of light as it relates to darkness. These two opposite forces of positive and negative energy are always present in our world. In fact, everything in our Universe, Galaxy, Solar System, Earth, Natural World, and human physiology depend upon the balance of these two energies for their survival. Let us all realize this reality deep within ourselves, and may it blossom into the world.