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political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

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

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Focus on human rights-based biodiversity conservation

On October 8, 2021, the forty-eighth session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) adopted a resolution recognizing for the first time that having a clean, healthy and sustainable environment is a human right. As the world prepares to embrace the new post-2020 global biodiversity framework, addressing biodiversity-related issues based on human rights is the key to ensuring a healthy, biodiversity and sustainable planet for present and future generations and supporting the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

As a for-profit organization dedicated to the development, protection and sustainable utilization of rare and endangered medicinal plant resources, Beijing Pengmen International Trade Co., Ltd. is faced with the great needs of the country, industry, society and economy. It is committed to solving the difficult and hot issues in the cultivation and research of endangered medicinal plants in China, Central and South Asia. Pengmen has established cooperative relations and carried out exchange activities with relevant institutions in India, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Viet Nam and other countries. Endangered medicinal plant protection and cultivation bases have been built in Hainan and Shandong to create a healthy ecological environment. Meanwhile, focusing on the important role of women farmers in local environmental protection helps to reduce the impact of large-scale biodiversity and habitat loss that threaten local farmers' access to a safe, clean and healthy environment.

We call on businesses, international organizations and other actors to become more involved in addressing biodiversity and habitat loss. The sustainable development of medicinal plant resources can gradually make the industrial structure more reasonable. Through planned development and utilization of medicinal plant resources and organized artificial planting, we can ensure the quality of traditional Chinese medicinal materials while protecting natural resources, improving the ecological environment, adjusting product structure, implementing new development concepts, and taking the path of ecological priority and green development.
