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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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There Is No Reparation Without Public Policies

Geledés - Instituto da Mulher Negra considers it essential the understanding that the occurrence of the transatlantic trafficking in Latin America and the Caribbean is a historical fact that compulsorily requires the right to reparation of the Afro-descendant population.

In the 2021 report entitled "Transitional justice measures and treatment of the legacy of violations of human rights and international humanitarian law committed in colonial contexts", the Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice and reparation noted in detail that the transfer Colonial wealth and racist oppression created a legacy of social, economic and cultural destruction of exclusion whose effects have been felt for generations. In addition, he stressed that transgenerational damage can no longer be ignored.

Geledés - Instituto da Mulher Negra considers that the implementation of public policies is the measure of excellence to promote due reparation for the rights of the Afro-descendant population in Brazil.

For this reason, we consider it urgent that the special rapporteur call on the Brazilian State to allocate a budget for public policies that promote racial equality. The debate on public spending and the racial question is still in its infancy in Brazil. Policies to promote racial equality must have the highest priority in government plans. This lack of priority translates into budgetary invisibility: even if they exist, it is difficult to know how much governments spend on them to promote a society free of racism.

It is urgent to allocate a robust budget item in the planning for the implementation of public policies to repair the damage derived from transatlantic traffic, because there can be no repair without public policies.
