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Statement submitted by the international association IUS PRIMI VIRI, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

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*

Sixty years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and fifty years after the proclamation of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, we still live in a world where destruction and conflict reign supreme and one feels the urgent need to build what can be useful in order to establish a new society that is able to resolve the conflicts which are first harboured in our minds. All human beings and, first of all, those who provide training must clearly understand what the priorities and real values of life are and have the necessary tools to pursue them.

We must overcome the conflicts within human beings, couples, families and societies and among nations. A profound knowledge of the mechanisms that provoke them will give all human beings the capacity to change themselves in order to reject the information that leads to self-destruction and destruction.

To put human rights into practice, we must remove the obstacles that are created in every mind by its defensive, destructive and conservative memories, which suppress the capacity to integrate memories of different cultures with the enormous difficulty of developing in a new way for a single purpose that involves all human beings: its own conscious growth and the recognition of the limits imposed by many cultural memories, in order to bring about the integration of peoples.

Trainers must be instructed in education, health, participating in work, and overcoming all pathological forms resulting from lack of knowledge and, therefore, from growing fears and anxieties, which give rise to progressive stagnation and, consequently, the lack of any possibility to participate in creating states of being that do not repeat the past, but are open to a new world.

The international association IUS PRIMI VIRI, continuing its work of promoting human rights literacy, intends to create for this purpose, within the Mediterranean basin, a cradle of civilization in the past and of conflicts of all kinds today, an NGO network in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in order to conduct a series of training courses to help establish the conditions for resolving conflicts and peace among peoples within societies and families through new forms of communication. We intend to start with a pilot course to enable human beings to pass from the state of being the objects of chaotic and often destructive information and of the environment around them to the state of being the subjects who choose information in order to build and integrate, not to destroy.

To this end, we shall employ a methodology designed to explain the evolving path of human beings leading from a lack of awareness of human rights to an awareness of them, teach about the changing level of human beings, analyse personal and interpersonal conflicts, conflicts involving couples, families and national societies as well as international conflicts. This shall be done by underscoring the importance of developing the capacity of each human being and of peoples to integrate, through forms of effective communication.

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