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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.



Statement

Green technology, if promoted and infused into the lives of all societies, will fulfil the aim of the Millennium Development Goals of keeping the environment intact and improving it for civilization to survive.

The Institute of International Social Development has introduced eco-friendly transportation systems called “cycle vans” to connect remote rural localities with markets and rural centres. Such vehicles are equipped with heavy duty wheels and wooden carts to carry people, products and patients and do not require any fuel.

The Institute has been involved in creating water-treatment plants to gather normal water from surface reservoirs and provide it to the local population in the Midnapore district area of West Bengal, India, and other places.

The Institute has built public toilets in rural areas that prevent the spreading of infections from human excreta or urine and turn waste matter into fertilizer for the fields.

The Institute has conducted several awareness-raising campaigns on solar electrification, solar cooking and solar energy for daily living. Solar electrical gadgets are being promoted by the Institute in its “go green” campaign.

The Institute is also promoting the use of traditional natural medicines to avoid the unnecessary use of chemically made medicines.

The Institute encourages farmers to use organic fertilizers to make their yield organic.

All of these innovative technologies and uses of traditional methods and cultural traditions can help to bring about progress in achieving the Millennium Development Goals.
