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for the twenty-first century”: implementation of strategic
objectives and action in critical areas of concern and
further actions and initiatives**

Statement submitted by Perfect Union, 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 36 and 37 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.



Statement

MAPEX (Management of Excellence Projects) is an innovative tool for actions undertaken in pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls. MAPEX covers the conception, steering and evaluation of projects.

In order to qualify for “excellence” status, a project must commit to excellence and therefore necessarily embrace:

- Sound and sensible values, including peace and respect for human rights;
- Environmental stewardship;
- Prosperity for all (redistribution of wealth);
- Enhanced social inclusion for all, including women and girls.

This method is distinguished from others by its commitment to excellence. Indeed, the method on its own is worth little: what will always be paramount are values and sound judgement. Thus, a project’s rationale will involve a conscious, well thought out effort to place values at the heart of the decision-making process. Therefore, it is best to turn this approach into a tool that will help forge the better world we hope to live in and hand on to future generations.

International recognition of MAPEX

MAPEX obtained the following quality-labels:

- European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion (2010);
- European Year of Volunteering (2010);
- International Year of Forests (2010).

MAPEX: A powerful tool for sustainable development

Perfect Union has engaged in the following activities aimed at disseminating the MAPEX methodology:

- Conference on 8 March 2012, in connection with the International Women’s Day (2012): MAPEX — Women united in their diversity;
- In connection with the European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between Generations (2012): MAPEX — A Useful Tool for Intergenerational Solidarity;
- In connection with the International Year of Cooperatives 2013: MAPEX Coop 2012 — A tool for sustainable development;
- In connection with the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014): establishment of the MAPEX Centre for “better education for sustainable development”;
- In connection with the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity (2011-2020), establishment of the MAPEX biodiversity award;
- In connection with the International Decade for Action “Water for Life” (2005-2015): international cooperation at multiple levels.

It would be worth listing and making a global compendium of significant excellence projects relating to Millennium Development Goals for women and girls and then training project managers to use MAPEX and lending them support for the duration of those projects.
