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for the twenty-first century”**

### **Statement submitted by Barinu Institute For Economic Development, 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

Gender discrimination leads to a lack of opportunity, as well as to social exclusion, resulting in greater poverty among women. This situation is widespread in the developing world, particularly in Africa and South-East Asia. The consequences of poverty include hunger, a lack of shelter, inadequate health care and illiteracy.

In accordance with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, we believe that efforts to eradicate poverty globally should be based on sustained economic growth, social development, environmental protection and social justice. Such an approach requires the involvement of women in economic and social development, as well as the participation of both women and men as agents and beneficiaries of a development that is people-centred and sustainable.

Poverty of income and poverty of opportunity are two of the worst forms of poverty, because they directly affect daily life. In accordance with the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, we believe that there must be a concerted effort to ensure equal access for women to economic resources, including land, credit, science and technology, vocational training, information, communications and markets, in order to further their advancement. Such an effort should also include international cooperation.

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