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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.

<sup>\*</sup> The present statement is issued without formal editing.





## **Statement**

The International Development and Enhancement of Arts Society has always focused on increasing the number of women working as artists worldwide and continues to do so by supporting female artists, including such well-known figures as Juliana Do and Maria Lassnik.

The International Development and Enhancement of Arts Society's role in supporting and promoting women in the arts evens the playing field for women and furthers the work of talented female artists in Austria. In its work, the International Development and Enhancement of Arts Society continues to work to eradicate all forms of discrimination against women in the art scene. By supporting art and reducing gender discrimination, the International Development and Enhancement of Arts Society works tirelessly to make the world in which we live more colourful and equal. We wish to express our support for the work of the Commission on the Status of Women. Together, we can improve the situation of women in the arts and society, both now and in the future.

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