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Statement submitted by Korean Association for supporting SDGs (ASD), 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.

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Statement

Korean Association for Supporting SDGs (ASD) has been making various efforts for women's rights along with South Korea.

At the plenary session of the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit on Sept. 26, President Park Geun-hye pledged to launch a health-and education-related official development assistance project for girls in developing countries, "Better Life for Girls Initiative." In this regard, Korean Association for Supporting SDGs (ASD) through a network of global enterprises has been highlighting the education of women and girls. As a concrete example, our partner Intel provides a variety of educational programs such as Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math curriculum and gives software training through Information Technology equipment, the Intel Education Tablet, in South Korea and developing countries around the world.

Korean Association for Supporting SDGs (ASD) builds networks between the parliament, governments and private sectors to actively participate in reducing gender inequality and to develop policies related to gender equality. We have been granting a ministry award through Ministry of Gender Equality and Family to enterprises that give great help to women's education.

We believe that the help women and girls receive should not be "special" but "natural and normal". This will be an important proposal to all the United Nations Member States to think that women's education is no longer considered to be a special issue. We anticipate that the efforts made in women's education from the Korean Association for Supporting SDGs (ASD) in cooperation with the parliament, governments and private sectors will expand to the international community.
