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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being
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Statement

Since the Beijing Women Conference in 1994 and the establishment of UN Women for Gender Equality, concerted efforts have been made and put in place to position world women on the 12 thematic issues of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA). More commitment was geared towards women in leadership, in decision making, executive and political positions across the world. Again, social and cultural issues negatively affecting women were also brought to book with actions yielding positive results across the world.

The injection of COVID-19 pandemic gave room to high economic downturned, socioeconomic impact of the pandemic which greatly hindered the many resources affecting the well-being of women and girls. Investing in human capacities of women and girls, improving access to the internet, and closing the digital divide; strengthening and consolidating social protection and health systems; and increasing cooperation and shared learning across the world and among women faced many gender challenges during the pandemic.

With the new normal, efforts were inter-meshed towards innovation and digitalization. Conforming to issues on gender equality, and the thematic issues of the BPfA and its goal on gender equality requires transformative changes, integrated approaches, and innovative solutions. Innovations on gender equality strategies and implementations create opportunity to facilitate technological change in establishing platforms for social, business, entrepreneurship, and economic empowerment among women. Through education, digital education are provided through e-learning platforms to break trends and improve knowledge and information opportunities.

Recognizing the unprecedented opportunities as well as the challenges of rapid innovation and technological development for gender equality and women's empowerment, as well as the importance of innovation to benefit women and men equally, UN Women has included innovation as one of the "drivers of change" in its Strategic Plan 2018-2021. However, expanding gender equality requires access to connect women globally through digital education and skills, as well as access to available technologies that could enable women to information, digital services, economic growth, and employment as well as increase in technological careers.

The Gender Equality commitment of the UN-Women has driven the train on women and girls in many ways addressing gender concerns rooted on the critical issues as obtained from the BPfA in 1994. UN Women concerted efforts including wealth of experience, capability and techniques for overcoming the issues and barriers to women's advancement in technology and innovation have endeared novel approaches and challenging existing ways of doing things to developing solutions that add value for women and girls affected by humanitarian and development challenges.

The efforts and many more of UN Women initiatives has set the pace for Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and has called for strategic measures to advance the pace.

Africana Women Working Group at the United Nations, a membership group of NGOs in Special Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council have emphasized that women's inherent potentials are innovative resources and through technological change provide education that could positively impact overall gender equality.

To retrace the mission of Africana Women Working Group at the UN, our organizations continue to emphasize their various missions on gender equality and empowerment of women especially in post COVID-19 Recovery that our approach in

the field of innovation and technology change on gender issues, technological careers, skills and education to engage women and girls in a world of digital divide.

In responding to the priority theme of the CSW67 Session on Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.

Chibuzor Human Resource Development Organization (CHIDO) an effective and efficient charity and supporting organization in promoting and changing the lives of women, children, and youth in deprived communities in responding to the CSW67 priority theme envisions a just society where women, children and youth have equal opportunities and are empowered, and have equal economic, social, and political opportunities to explore their technological opportunities for their sustainable future.

Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Centre CISLAC considers the need to engage government on gender equality issues for improved policy and legislative frameworks, transparency, and accountability in governance for women-oriented development. At CSW67 Session the organization is focused to address legislative framework in achieving gender equality and empower women and girls adequately on technological innovation, resources, and digital education for sustainable economic growth.

Heal the Land Initiative in Nigeria (HELIN) envision qualitative and compassionate services through promotion of women's good health, education and general development needed for achieving gender equality and empowerment of women in communal development. HELIN is obligated to utilizing digital education to empowerment of women in the community.

Irene Menakaya Schools Onitsha informs on progress in achieving gender parity in education but notes that girls still experience higher percentage of out-of-school, families with limited means who cannot afford costs on education prioritize education for sons instead. Irene Menakaya Schools emphasizes that achieving gender equality by the Decade of Action cannot be made possible if girls, aspiring women are not provided with education that could endear them into technological change and careers to encourage them adjust into the new normal. Irene Menakaya School established computer literacy and STEM education for girls in the community.

i-Smile International a Grassroot organization with the mission on empowering women with the knowledge, skills & self-confidence necessary to participate in the society as equals. I-Smile International is focused on gender integrity and "GENDATAINMENT" address and advocate for gender equality towards societal issues hindering women integrity in the society. Utilizing GENDATAINMENT to the Decade of Action especially toward men in leadership position will go a long way to enact action in a social environment to bring gender equality and empowerment of women to positive outcome.

Law Explorer Development and Assistance Initiative has maintained that gender equality cannot be possible without Gender Rights to national issues and participation. For gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls in the context of technological change and education to be achieved, gender rights to participation, to national issues, gender rights to decision making and policies, gender rights to energy resources in the environment and gender rights to protection from climate action must be made possible for all women.

LEAH Charity Foundation is committed to raising awareness and spur affirmative action on issues affecting the survival and development of women and children, through a well-thought-out, realistic, and sustainable strategy. LEAH Charity Foundation is committed to gender equality and empowerment of women

through social welfare, health and education of women repositioning their thought process to community development.

Paradise Mission for Widows & Teenage Girls advances the course of gender equality with respect to widows and teen girls. The organization has maintained gender equality success through its Widows Empowerment Outreach, Community Campaign for Girls Education, Widow-Elder Care Support and Community Widows Outreach Skills Fair.

Tabernacle Worship and Prayer Ministries continues to address the import of gender equality through its initiative on 1000 Women in Religion for Global Peace. The Organization advances the priority theme towards women in religion creating opportunities for women in religion to the Development Agenda. Through Her Legacy Voice, the organization has taken issues of gender equality to legislative houses to bring attention on gender issues affecting women in religion to legislative attention.

Women and Child Watch Initiatives utilizes multi-pronged and consistent approach to advocate and promote laws, policies or practices that enhance the mental, physical, and socio-economic status of women and children through targeted intervention on issues of gender equality to influence government policy on gender equality and empowerment of women.

Our organizations in submitting group focused statement reintegrate;

With the New Normal, time is now to advance innovation initiatives that could advance gender empowerment.

Time is now to increase the number of women in technology.

Time is now to digitally advance gender issues globally.

Time is now to fix the Knowledge on gendered innovations that will stimulates excellence in science and technology.

Assuring the rights of women and giving them opportunities to reach their full potential has remained critical not only for attaining woman's sense of self-worth, her decision-making power, her access to opportunities and resources, her power and control over her own life inside and outside the home, and her ability to effect change but also, her space as part of all-inclusive wide range of development goals from rural community.

CSW67 Session priority theme should integrate overall concerns of all women and Member States should avail themselves to agree on practical strategies that could lead to the achievement of gender equality innovations and technology empowerment of women.
