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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.

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## Statement

### Women and International Solidarity Rights

The concept of international solidarity had been a recurring theme in global agreements, due to its advantages at many levels. The protection and promotion of human rights required both domestic and international efforts working in unison and harmony. The revised draft declaration on the right to international solidarity covered wide-ranging issues in preventing and overcoming global challenges such as health emergencies, environmental degradation, climate change, armed conflict, forced migration, trafficking of persons, poverty in all its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty, food insecurity and others.

Due to the great importance of solidarity rights in people's lives and futures, unfortunately, they are not supported very much. Still, despite the establishment of the United Nations and its high goals, solidarity rights have not been placed and in realizing our human rights cases and we are still witnessing conflict and war, economic recession, crucial sanctions, destruction of life and environment.

International solidarity is fundamental for the protection, promotion and achievement of all human rights, including not least the right to development. It must be founded on the principles and values of social justice and equity, guaranteeing the integrity of the society of nations. Unilateral coercive measures undermined international solidarity, as they increased inequality. There was a need for further commitment from international actors to ensure that international solidarity became a global truth.

As we understand, international solidarity, is fundamental to achieving global developmental goals. So undoubtedly, women's rights and participation are not only the most valuable assets of any society but also a solution to economic, social, and cultural challenges. Women, as a major global workforce, play an essential role in economic and social development, and they must have equal opportunities in all aspects of social and economic life.

As an NGO, we emphasize that development and the realization of human rights cannot occur without the active and equal participation of women. Furthermore, addressing women's issues, including their health and productivity in agriculture and industry, is of paramount importance.

We kindly request the Commission on the Status of Women to consider the significance of international solidarity, especially women's solidarity, in achieving the right to development as a top priority in their policies and programs. We urge you to take effective measures to enhance the conditions of women worldwide.

Civil organizations from around the world, we seize this pivotal moment to emphasize the significance of international solidarity in the realization of women's rights and societal advancement.

International solidarity, as a fundamental and foundational principle, must be recognized and promoted by all nations and territories. We ardently stress that international solidarity, particularly in the realm of women's rights, should be implemented in both national and international policies and programs, in alignment with the goals of the Commission on the Status of Women.

As a global community of men and women, we are acutely aware that sustainable development can only be achieved through equal participation and joint gender efforts. This solidarity can have a profound impact across various domains, including the economy, healthcare, education, and other vital aspects of society.

But things like sanctions significantly weaken international solidarity. Sanctions imposed on governments often have negative effects on their nations and lead to a reduction in economic and social interactions between countries.

In cases where sanctions are implemented widely and severely, they lead to a decrease in international relations and economic disruptions. These measures weaken international solidarity, because countries become too involved in their own internal concerns and issues and do not focus on common international issues. In addition, sanctions lead to tensions and hostilities in international relations, increasing political biases and hindering cooperation and collaboration between countries in solving global issues.

To strengthen the rights of international solidarity, especially regarding the participation of women, there are several key strategies:

**Awareness and Education:** Increasing awareness among women about their rights and responsibilities in the context of international solidarity is crucial. Providing education and awareness campaigns about the importance of international solidarity and the role of women in it can help raise awareness.

**Networking:** Women can enhance international solidarity by forming networks and actively participating in organizations and associations related to women's rights.

**Participation in Decision-Making:** Encouraging women to actively participate in decision-making processes related to international matters, including attending conferences and international forums, can play a significant role in promoting the rights of international solidarity.

**Intercultural Exchange:** Promoting cultural and intercultural exchange among women from different countries with respecting the principle of cultural diversity and differences between nations can help strengthen international solidarity.

**Creating Economic Opportunities:** Providing economic opportunities for women and offering them employment in various fields, including international trade, can be essential in promoting international solidarity rights.

In general, empowering women can significantly contribute to the realization and implementation of international solidarity rights by women. Studying reports and international documents indicates that the presence of women and their empowerment leads to positive outcomes that can help achieve and strengthen solidarity rights.

Empowering women and providing them with economic opportunities can reduce social tensions and disparities, helping to maintain stability and cohesion in societies. Also, Women's presence in international organizations and women's rights-related organizations can play an influential role in promoting and preserving solidarity rights on a global scale. And Women's presence and empowerment in addressing global issues such as climate change, migration, and international crises can accelerate the development of effective measures and solutions for these issues. Women can support the growing process of humanization, internationalization, and socialization.

### **Accelerate the moralization of international law and human rights**

Researching and studying the experiences of women in facing international challenges and opportunities can lead to the development of effective strategies and programs to strengthen solidarity rights and international excellence.

We beseech the Commission on the Status of Women to champion the acknowledgment of international solidarity as a crucial tool in the realization of women's rights and sustainable development. Furthermore, we call upon all nations

and territories to actively engage in this collective endeavour, continuing their commitment towards creating a more equitable world free from gender discrimination.

We ask the international community to pay more serious attention to raising awareness and empowering women not only as a goal but also as a means to achieve global peace, justice and security, and in a word, promote human rights.

We are committed to creating a more sustainable and equitable world through international solidarity in the realization of women's rights, and with unwavering belief in global solidarity and a dedication to women's rights, we look forward to continuous collaboration with the Commission on the Status of Women.

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