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Statement

WealthyGen Inc., a global organization committed to promoting gender equality and empowering women and girls, is honored to submit this statement to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. With a deep understanding of the challenges faced by women worldwide, we are fully dedicated to accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty, strengthening institutions, and financing with a gender perspective.

At WealthyGen, we firmly believe that empowering women is key to achieving sustainable development and creating a more inclusive society. The creativity and pragmatism of all women must be enabled and tapped to provide community-based insights, as well as to inform decision-making. However, a subset of women – the widows – are more vulnerable to abuse and neglect. They are often forgotten and denied their rights. In many countries, widows face immense struggles. They are often left vulnerable and without support. Some face a lot of abusive practices. Sometimes, they face degrading and life-threatening burial rites. Most times, they lose their properties and other inheritance. Some are associated with witchcraft, stigmatized, and even ostracized. These are just some of the major barriers that widows face in their socio-economic empowerment.

We call on member states to establish and implement policies that protect the rights of widows. These widows are women. When enabled and empowered, they have proven to be powerful agents of positive change for their families and communities.

While WealthyGen provides empowerment solutions for all women and girls, we place great emphasis on supporting widows, who often face unique hardships and vulnerabilities in their journey toward empowerment. Recognizing that economic independence is a crucial stepping stone towards empowerment, we have established various programs that enable widows to establish activities that generate sustainable income.

Our Women Empowerment Project (WE Project) empowers women with the skills and capital to develop and increase valuable livelihood activities that improve their overall financial well-being. This includes establishing them in their businesses of choice or any other activities they have chosen to generate sustainable income. This program focuses not only on providing them with the necessary skills and resources but also on promoting financial literacy and inclusion. By equipping these women with financial knowledge, we empower them to make informed decisions regarding their earnings and savings, thereby breaking the cycle of poverty and dependency.

Furthermore, our holistic approach aims to address the multifaceted barriers that hinder women from attaining social and economic empowerment. Through partnerships with local communities and stakeholders, we work tirelessly to challenge societal norms, discriminatory practices, and unequal power dynamics. By fostering an enabling environment that champions gender equality, we strive to empower women to take charge of their lives, families, and communities.

To advance gender equality and women's empowerment, we are calling on member states, NGOs, and other stakeholders to commit to creating spaces where women can come together, share their experiences, and inspire others. We recognize the power of community in fostering personal growth, providing support, and strengthening relationships.

Through WealthyGen programs and initiatives, we actively encourage women to form communities where they can engage in open and meaningful dialogue. These communities serve as safe spaces where women can share their stories, challenges, and triumphs. By providing a platform for women to express themselves, we aim to validate their experiences, foster understanding, and break down barriers created by gender stereotypes and discrimination.

Moreover, these communities serve as a powerful source of inspiration. By bringing together women from diverse backgrounds, we create opportunities for cross-cultural sharing, learning, and growth. The diverse perspectives and experiences shared within these communities ignite creativity, innovation, and new ideas. Women find inspiration in each other's journeys, successes, and resilience, which further fuels their determination to overcome obstacles and pursue their dreams.

Building these communities also strengthens relationships among women. By promoting collaboration and cooperation, we create a supportive network that fosters personal and professional growth. Through mentorship programs, networking events, and skill-sharing workshops, women can connect with like-minded individuals, access resources, and build lasting relationships that transcend geographic and cultural boundaries. These relationships not only provide emotional support but also offer opportunities for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and collective action.

We firmly believe that empowering women to build strong communities is a crucial step towards achieving gender equality and women's rights. By fostering a sense of belonging and solidarity, we create an environment where women feel valued, respected, and heard. This, in turn, enhances their confidence, self-esteem, and overall well-being, enabling them to take on leadership roles, participate in decision-making processes, and advocate for change in their communities.

WealthyGen firmly believes that empowering women not only benefits individuals but also strengthens societies. When women gain economic power, they become catalysts for change, uplifting their families and communities by investing in education, healthcare, and other essential needs. We have witnessed countless success stories of women who, through our programs, have overcome obstacles, shattered glass ceilings, and emerged as resilient leaders in their communities.

In conclusion, WealthyGen Inc. is committed to accelerating the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls. Through our dedicated efforts in supporting women, especially widows, and promoting financial literacy and inclusion, we aim to break the barriers that hinder women's social and economic empowerment. By providing women with the tools, they need to succeed, we strive to create a world where every woman can thrive, lead, and contribute to a more equitable future. Also, by facilitating connections, relationships, and community building, we aim to empower women to not only achieve their own goals but also become catalysts for change in their communities.
