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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

WOOMB International (World Organisation Ovulation Method Billings) has championed women's empowerment since its inception in the 1970s, promoting the advancement of veritable fertility knowledge with the aim of providing all women and girls the opportunity to learn the dynamic mechanisms associated with their fertility health through the Billings Ovulation Method® of natural fertility regulation. Both gender equality and addressing the need to reduce poverty are more readily achieved through the strengthening of educational institutions and the financing of women-led initiatives, facilitating gender parity in a variety of situations and circumstances, many of which may be directly related to economic independence.

It has been said that women are the backbone of society. Their moral and socioeconomic contributions to a society's stability and well-being are reflected in their participatory resolve to strengthen their own individual lives and the lives of their children and the families within their communities. Economic development and social cohesion allow for ethical and monetary gain through women's constant and enduring involvement toward sustainable growth. As the poverty that is often experienced by a country's population severely impacts entire families and communities, it limits these contributions and interferes with their ability to enact positive change.

WOOMB International addresses the alleviation of poverty through its independent national affiliates that are present on every continent in several countries and have the mechanisms necessary to provide women with comprehensive fertility education and management through instruction in the authentic Billings Ovulation Method®. The advancement of online communications has aided in addressing the needs of women and girls in remote circumstances, and this natural fertility management system is widely accessible and cost-effective, enhancing women's independent control over their sexual faculties while encouraging sexual health and personal responsibility along with freedom from disease and exploitation.

Over the last several decades, women and girls have achieved greater gender parity and equality within societies, and WOOMB International regards the knowledge of the Billings Ovulation Method® to be of significant importance in achieving this goal. As women and girls are given the knowledge and strategies necessary for achieving their fertility health initiatives, the economic and sustainable growth production of societies is supported and increased. Health, freedom, and prosperity of personhood can be achieved with the Billings Ovulation Method®.

Societies organize themselves according to their intuition and cultural circumstances, and WOOMB International supports the diverse nature of each independent culture and environment, as their individualism is seen as an essential piece in the mosaic of humanity. All women and girls are of inherent value in this tapestry of life and flourish when they are upheld and supported in the most vital aspects of society. WOOMB International empowers all women to recognize their fertility health as a powerful asset to themselves and to their families and society at large, as this knowledge can assist them in their journey of achieving sustainable livelihoods and grant them an independence that is truly free from the machinations of poverty.
