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Statement submitted by organizations in consultative status
with the Economic and Social Council *

The Secretary-General has received the following statements, which are
being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and

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1. Abshar Atefeha Charity Institute, Chant du Guépard dans le Désert, Charitable Institute for
   Protecting Social Victims, The, Disability Association of Tavana, Ertegha Keyfiat Zendegi
   Iranian Charitable Institute, Iranian Thalassemi Society, Family Health Association of Iran,
   Iran Autism Association, Jameh Ehyagaran Teb Sonnati Va Salamat Iranian, Maryam Ghasemi
   Educational Charity Institute, Network of Women's Non-governmental Organizations in the
   Islamic Republic of Iran, Organization for Defending Victims of Violence, Peivande Gole
   Narges Organization, Rahbord Peimayesh Research & Educational Services Cooperative,
   Society for Protection of Street & Working Children, Society of Iranian Women Advocating
   Sustainable Development of Environment, The Association of Citizens Civil Rights Protection
   "Manshour-e Parseh"

2. ACT Alliance-Action by Churches Together, Anglican Consultative Council, Commission of
   the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches, Lutheran World
   Federation, Presbyterian Church (USA), United Methodist Church - General Board of Church
   and Society

3. Adolescent Health and Information Projects, European Health Psychology Society, Institute for
   Multicultural Counseling and Education Services, Inc., International Committee For Peace And
   Reconciliation, International Council of Psychologists, International Federation of Business

* The present statements are issued without formal editing.
1 The joint statements are presented first, followed by individual statements.

4. American Psychological Association, International Association of Applied Psychology
6. Association of Commonwealth Universities, International Association of Universities
7. Association pour l'Intégration et le Développement Durable au Burundi, Union des peuples autochtones pour le réveil au développement
8. CESVI NGO, COOPI - Cooperazione Internazionale, INTERSOS - Humanitarian Aid Organization
10. COBASE - Cooperativa Tecnico Scientifica di Base, Gherush92 - Committee for Human Rights
11. FIA Foundation for the Automobile and Society, Global Alliance of NGOs for Road Safety, Stichting Youth for Road Safety (Yours)
12. Kuentai Non-Profit Organization, Kuentai USA
13. Ligue pour la solidarité congolaise, Pleaders of Children and Elderly People at Risk "PEPAINGO"
15. Réseau des femmes africaines pour la gestion communautaire des forêts, Women's Environment and Development Organization
16. 3Strands Global Foundation
17. A 11 - Initiative for Economic and Social Rights
18. Aalem for Orphan and Vulnerable Children, Inc.
19. Afecitividad y Sexualidad, Asociación Civil
20. Afraz Cultural Association
21. African Youth Movement
22. Afrikaanse Forum vir Burgerregte
23. Agence de Developpement Economique et Culturel Nord-Sud
24. Agewell Foundation
25. Agir Contre les Maladies Non Transmissibles au Niger (ACMNT-NIGER)
26. Aid Organization
27. Aie Serve
28. Al-Ayn Social Care Foundation

29. All India Women's Education Fund Association

30. All Win Network
31. Alliance for Health Promotion (A4HP)
32. American Bar Association
33. Amman Center for Human Rights Studies
34. A New Dawn – Bedouin Jewish Centre in the Negev for Equality and Accessibility in Education, Research, Peace and Welfare Services (R.A.)
35. Ankara Foundation of Children with Leukemia
36. Apostle Padi Ologo Traditional Birth Centre
37. Arab Lawyers Union
29. All India Women's Education Fund Association

The All India Women’s Education Fund Association (AIWEFA), founded in 1929, encompasses 92 years of experience in the empowerment of women and communities, and two decades of information dissemination at the United Nations and international meetings.

Digital technology has catapulted a post pandemic sustainable and resilient recovery through a pooling of global and local expertise, cooperation and transparency while safeguarding the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The organisation’s recent grassroots programmes included localization of the Sustainable Development Goals and capacity building of 5000 youth in cyber security, prevention of substance abuse and promotion of intergenerational bonding; 400 underprivileged women trained to become safe car drivers; 900 women and artisans were guided to develop local handicrafts, spinning and weaving, and preservation of culture; 400 senior citizens participated in healthy ageing programmes.

The organisation combined offline grassroots expertise with online programmes, to help children with disabilities, elders and women build back better.

To ensure access to quality health care for people with disabilities, the organization has, since 2003, supported financially constrained institutions working in disabilities with an annual award of Indian Rupees 8 lakhs. Elucidating on local best practices, to 600 participants, these 18 awardees facilitated door-step delivery of social protection benefits; capacity building of teachers and home-care training to one parent; enabled one caregiver with every COVID positive hospitalized patient; prepared online modules but stressed pairing with physical interaction; and highlighted the need to resume early detection of disabilities that could reduce children’s disabilities by 90 per cent. They lobbied for a nodal officer in each district and successfully included the provision of 5 per cent reservation in state-run economic recovery programmes.

To empower and promote the social and economic rights of elders, the ‘COVID-19 Community Connects’ stakeholder webinars reached 850 national and international participants to focus on the central role of families in tackling ageism; intergenerational bonding to cater to their social, physical and emotional needs; and vocational training, especially digital, for their improved integration in society.

To provide equal opportunities, including the elimination of discriminatory laws, policies, practices and to promote appropriate legislation and action, ‘A world we women want: gender-just and violence-free’ advocated country perspectives from India, Ireland, Mexico and the role of the United Nations entities for children and women towards ensuring the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family. Recovery measures included pathways and barriers to women’s economic empowerment, recognition of unpaid care work, inheritance of property; and capacity building to cope with multiple crises, like health, debt, food and cooperation.

Programmes underlined the need for investments in funds and resources in a people-centred welfare and development, and to meet the pandemic induced increased poverty, inequality, and
gender-based violence. Adherence to international funding commitments and need for member states to classify and communicate short and long term commitments with accountability and quality data were emphasised. To guarantee that no one is left behind, civil society partnerships required broadening along with the dismantling of silos created by the Goals.