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#### Statement submitted by non-governmental 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 Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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1. ABAAD Resource Center for Gender Equality
2. ABC4All (A Better Community For All)
3. Academy of Labour and Social Relations
4. African Youth Movement
5. Aland Islands Peace Institute, The
6. All India Women's Conference
7. All India Women's Education Fund Association
8. Anglican Rite Roman Catholic Church
9. Ankara Foundation of Children with Leukemia
10. Architects for Peace Inc.
11. Ashiana Collective Development Council
12. Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW)
13. Association Humanity First Cameroon
14. Association Jbel Ayachi pour le développement culturel, social, économique et de l'environnement
15. Association Nationale pour Promouvoir la Société Civile et la Citoyenneté
16. Association camerounaise pour la prise en charge de la personne âgée (ACAMAGE)
17. Association for Protection of Refugee and Internal Displaced Women and Children
18. Associação Jadir de Taekwondo
19. Burundi Rugby League Rugby A Xiii Cooperative
20. Business Innovation Research Dev

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21. Bäuerliche Erzeugergemeinschaft Schwäbisch Hall w.V.
22. CIBJO - The World Jewellery Confederation
23. CLIPSAS
24. Campaign Life Coalition
25. Center for Interethnic Cooperation, The
26. Centre d'études diplomatiques et stratégiques
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29. Chant du Guépard dans le Désert
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33. Concern for Human Welfare
34. Concile Mondial de Congres Diplomatiques des Aumoniers pour la Paix Universelle des Droits Humains et Juridiques
35. Confederation of Asia Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry
36. Congressional Black Caucus Political Education & Leadership Institute
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38. Cruelty Free International
39. DIYNGO Community Based Organization
40. Direct Aid Organization
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42. EastWest Institute
43. Ecoforum of NGOs of Uzbekistan
44. Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans
45. Education Globale et Développement
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47. Equality Now, ACT Alliance - Action by Churches Together, African Women's Development and Communication Network, Musawah Global Vision Berhad, Muslims for Progressive Values, Women's Learning Partnership for Rights, Development, and Peace
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51. FEMM Foundation
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54. Forum Azzahrae pour la Femme Marocaine
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### **53. Fondazione di ricerca scientifica ed umanistica Antonio Meneghetti**

Motivated by the theme of the 2020 High-Level Segment, the Antonio Meneghetti Scientific and Humanist Research Foundation organized in Lizori, Italy, an international course entitled “I Am Able to Do, craftsmanship through cultural diversity education” to promote capacity-building initiatives connected to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) achievements, among young people.

This course was organized around the need to ensure that younger generations be aware of the benefits of the implementation of SDG’s through cooperation, to sustain and accelerate action for delivering them. It was implemented in three modules in 2019 with a sample of 35 participants (young people, 16 to 25 years old) coming from Latvia, Lithuania and Italy. This project aims to train the young to be the “artisan of the future”, focusing on capacity-building to bridging civilizations in the name of unity and universality.

More specifically, one of the goals is to enhance the consciousness of the cultural and socio-economic identity of their countries in the young, as well as the interconnections with the identities of other participating countries, to promote capacity-building. The project contributes to the improvement of the quality of youth work, to the re-launching of artisan professions and to raising awareness about values such as ethics of work to prevent racism and intolerance.

The course took place in Lizori, a restored medieval village, which constitutes a new model for environmental education, aiming to harmonize urbanization and innovation together with civilized human development. This ecobiological place has become a worldwide model, through education and training projects based on the ontopsychological pedagogy that foster interdisciplinary, life-long learning and multicultural education, in order to train people in social functions. Lizori represents the importance of promoting a new pedagogy, founded on the specific identity of the individual and of different populations. At the basis of the course “I Am Able to Do” we find values, existential needs of youth, sharing experiences that are not confined to one single culture or territory, but universal and applicable anywhere. This illustrates how the multicultural training of the youth is crucial to promote sustainable development and contribute to achieving the SDGs for the next decades.

The results were presented by the young participants themselves, during the session “Business support for young people in contemporary society” at the III International Economic Forum held in Riga, Latvia on 31 October and 1 November 2019, organized with the Institute of Economics of the Latvian Academy of Sciences and supported by State research program project INTERFRAME-LV, Latvian and Norwegian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The Forum was attended by 170 participants from 22 countries, including ambassadors from 12 countries: Estonia, Ireland, Sweden, Ukraine, Georgia, Slovakia, China, Canada, USA, Turkey, United Arab Emirates,

Uzbekistan. 56 speakers from 10 countries. There was an opportunity to watch the Forum progress online during the live stream.

### Recommendations

- Promote educational initiatives related to the Sustainable Development Goals and their implementation involving young people.
- Encourage multicultural experiences among young's in order to prevent racism, intolerance and prejudice.
- Support social responsibility in education.