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### **Statement submitted by Terra-1530, a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council**

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.



## Statement

In rural areas in the Republic of Moldova, all forms of violence against women and girls can be prevented by promoting public attitudes of zero tolerance for the phenomenon, whose roots extend back to ancient times. We stand ready to dedicate sufficient space to the issue in *Pravda*, our print publication, which is distributed by a network of volunteers. Reports on violence against women and girls generally evoke a broad response, and can result in charges being lodged with the Office of the Prosecutor. Importantly, local government agencies and other non-governmental organizations are involved in the work of bringing such stories to press. And we are open to sharing best practices with a view to establishing the special international non-governmental network “Terra-1530” in the near future.

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