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### **Statement submitted by Fédération européenne des centres de recherche et d’information sur le sectarisme, a non-governmental organization in 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.

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## Statement

### **The 60th year anniversary for the empowerment of women and other females from cultic violence and abuse toward freedom and elimination of gender discrimination in health, education and truly gainful employment toward a better future**

Our European Federation of Centres of Research and Information on Sectarianism also observed along with the United Nations commitment on the Commission of the Status of Women 60 year anniversary celebrates certain rights. We agree in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small according to the founding Charter. We also have joined the unprecedented momentum for change especially for female cult victims who are systematically deprived of these fundamental human rights due to authoritarian, totalitarian policies of control in very tightly closed communities isolated from mainstream societal requirements and legal accountability.

Much of the growing menace of terrorism around the world is born out of cultic aberrations and deviant apocalyptic groups and movements. The backbone of this virtual and actual slave labour these organizations provide is through women and females who live in compartmentalized living conditions isolated from outside observation. Even where other fellow full time members will not have access or transparency of what is truly going on among female sexual abuse. An astonishingly growing number of cult leaders around the world have been arrested and successfully charged with sex and child abuse convictions. The 2015 goals for Beijing Platform for Action adopted in 1995 has been successfully adopted and provides critical aid to the women and females who need to survive outside these indefensible conditions.

Our federation has observed when encountering females in sect like environments the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women is yet to be a reality for them unless the real resources are known to them and made available to them in a tangible way. The Commission on the Status of Women 60 can provide the resources when member states educate their citizens to the ongoing 2015 goals met and movement to the 2030 agenda and options that are workable to those who truly need them. A growing number of member states are providing serious resources toward those who truly qualify for these services and resources. The legal and policy developments apply on a national level and each country has its own contribution. Cult organizations are international in scope but the Commission on the Status of Women 60 presents an umbrella relationship that individual women and females can access when needed.

The Commission on the Status of Women 60 has a critical role for females in a cultic relationship concerning civil liberty rights that is truly rooted in informed consent. It has been an inspiration for women in all parts of the world. It has a positive impact on legal and policy development rooted in the strength on provision in certain constitutions, commissions to review legislations and enhance women's participation in critical areas. Our federation is committed to quality education and assistance for women and other females in this vital area and other Non-Governmental

Organization's with related concerns provide a networking relationship that the Commission on the Status of Women 60 could facilitate.

The global platform for action is especially relevant to Fédération européenne des centres de recherche et d'information sur le sectarisme or in other words our federation due to the international scope of sect like organizations because of the abuse and harm that is universal to women and females. The Commission on the Status of Women 60 has progressed over 60 years toward a growing number of universal human rights standards in addressing serious harm done including death, murder, suicide and mutilations that are truly preventable if ethical implementation of the Commission of the Status of Women were applied to cult groups who deny or avoid legal accountability.

Our Fédération européenne des centres de recherche et d'information sur le sectarisme federation also contends with the Commission on the Status of Women 60 for being an untiring advocate of female rights, human dignity and personal empowerment. Many female sect members are denied these rights due to authoritarian leadership that requires total obedience, surrendering autonomy and personal decisions along with individual career goals and relationships of a lifetime. Sexual and other forms of slavery for women and other females prevents many females from gainful employment with dignity and avoids transparency from mainstream institutions. Women's rights must be respected and appropriate protection requires standards that networking can achieve.

Our work with females escaping cult environments toward women's empowerment has its foundation in restored personal freedom and genuine options. Totalistic sect indoctrination takes time to create a true believer and this process is not like a light bulb switch you turn off and on at will. Personal restoration needs quality information and competent education that Fédération européenne des centres de recherche et d'information sur le sectarisme is equipped to provide but empowerment and gainful employment may require. Then networking and resources that the Commission on the Status of Women 60 and its member states provide with potential growth for the future. World leaders met for the 70th Anniversary of the United Nations in New York and promised to work for reaching parity for women at all levels of decision-making, eliminating discriminatory legislation and addressing social norms plus dealing with violence against women. Cult organizations avoid transparency with the outside world and its mainstream institutions that women and female experience abuse and harm where reporting venues are unknown or avoided out of punitive cult induced fears. This needs policy remedies that are legally appropriate.

It has been encouraging to us at Fédération européenne des centres de recherche et d'information sur le sectarisme that legislatures around the world where there are changes in the legal system that promote protection of individual human rights and appropriate protection of child rights also including protection against societal harm. Cults and terrorist organizations have been a major contributing factor due to their extreme and destructive behaviour.

In order to eliminate all forms of discrimination of women and girls and give the opportunity to fully live up to their full potential. Societal freedom rooted in sound government is based to informed consent and good policy information cult victims need access to through network with Commission on the Status of Women 60 networking and resources and Fédération européenne des centres de recherche et

d'information sur le sectarisme can provide meaningful contact. Hopefully, our federation may help fill the gaps where appropriate member states could provide appropriate policy assistance.

In closing creating competent measures to raise awareness for and to prevent and to protect women and all other females from destructive violence in domestic and social/group contexts. Mentoring and training programs to equip and encourage women and other females to report and educate others of their female rights under the law. Reporting wrong conduct or group policy could go a long way in protecting others.

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