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to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly  
entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and  
peace for the twenty-first century”**

### **Statement submitted by Association Nationale Al Hidn, 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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\* The present statement is issued without formal editing.



## Statement

*Statement submitted by Association Nationale Al Hidn to the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women*

The Association Nationale Al Hidn (Kingdom of Morocco) looks forward to the convening of the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women. It welcomes the Commission's choice of the priority theme of "Women's empowerment and the link to sustainable development" and the review theme of "The elimination and prevention of all forms of violence against women and girls".

The Association recalls the centrality of human beings in development as stated in the first paragraph of the Rio de Janeiro Declaration on Environment and Development issued by the United Nations Conference in 1992: "Human beings are at the centre of concerns for sustainable development. They are entitled to a healthy and productive life in harmony with nature".

The Association has an overarching awareness of the human condition based on its field experience. It engages nationally in sustainable development efforts by developing the awareness of women and families and combating economic and social vulnerability. It affirms that sustainable development will be achieved only by enhancing education and cultural awareness, enabling independent opinions and decisions and ensuring the structural balance and stability of the institution of the family as the shaper and environment of the individual.

The Association believes that women are a key party that contributes to sustainable development efforts.

Accordingly, the Association:

- Affirms that sustainable development is based on political stability, support of local and regional legitimacy and protection of the individual in the framework of international legitimacy, ratified conventions and international humanitarian law.
- Calls for protection of human rights and the right of families that suffer from wars to freedom of movement and political asylum and the right to return in a framework of decency, freedom and international justice.
- Calls on the United Nations and United Nations organizations to act to promote all mechanisms and laws to ensure equality and justice in respect of the obtainment of educational services and health and social care that are conducive to the achievement of development.
- Calls for action to issue the Universal Declaration of Family Rights.
- Calls for the observance of cultural and ethnic diversity and cultural characteristics in the enactment of conventions and laws.
- Calls for enabling civil society institutions that are members of the Economic and Social Council to provide their expertise to the Council and for the Council to integrate such expertise in the resolutions which it adopts.
- Affirms the need to disseminate the culture of the family through the educational curricula and media policies of governments and states.

- Calls on the international community to protect human beings from forced migration and torture arising from the illegal use of arms.
  - Calls for the promotion of international laws to punish rulers who use arms to destroy peoples.
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