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Statement submitted by East Eagle Foundation, 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

I am honoured to take part in this session as the representative of East Eagle Foundation, a non-governmental organization with 2,000 individual and organization members concerned by the rights of persons with disabilities and human rights in Africa. Together, members highlight the importance of supporting Governments, humanitarian workers and other operators in their efforts to develop credible social policies at the national level based on an integrated approach. These policies will pave the way for actions that facilitate the access of persons with disabilities to existing services and the capacity of those services to recognize and effectively meet their needs.

The activities of East Eagle Foundation and its members and partners comply with the principles underpinning the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

East Eagle Foundation and its members reaffirm their commitment to the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, adopted at the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995. It thus calls for:

- The participation of women with disabilities in decision-making and peace processes at all levels;
- Consideration of the specific needs and priorities of persons with disabilities with regard to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- The prevention of violence, which infringes international humanitarian law;
- Efforts to find solutions to prevent extreme poverty.
