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**Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and 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 Medical Women’s Association of Nigeria, 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

Whereas the priority theme for CSW 2018 is ‘Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls’; and the review theme is on ‘Participation in and access of women to the media, and information and communications technologies and their impact on and use as an instrument for the advancement and empowerment of women.

Medical Women’s Association of Nigeria (MWAN) proposes that UN-Women and, by extension, all women groups be the instrument for solving problems relating to gender equality which disproportionately affects women and children. All women groups should:

- Engage government to foster legislation and action
  - Engage international organizations with regards to their specific areas of strength
  - Escalate community sensitization and education in matters affecting women and children
  - Women groups to be used as vehicle through which governments can implement its policies as it affects the vulnerable groups in the rural communities: children, aged, & widows
  - Explore areas that have hitherto been under served
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