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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

Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) has approximately 135,000 members in 92 countries around the world. Our mission is advancing world health and celebrating nursing excellence in leadership, scholarship and service. STTI fully supports strengthening women's collective voice, leadership and decision making for economic empowerment.

Sigma Theta Tau International believes in developing strong leaders in all areas, and specifically engages in leadership development for nurses around the globe. Nursing is primarily a female-dominated profession. Leadership development for nurses positions them for administrative roles in health and medical systems worldwide; it develops their skills to effectively establish and lead teams to address global healthcare challenges. Given that many of the leadership roles in healthcare have traditionally been held by male counterparts, this leadership development helps level the field to address gender equality and advance women into these roles. We believe that well-educated, strong nurses with knowledge, skills and ability to lead can help pave the way for women to gain access to key leadership roles in other professions.

Because the profession of nursing is practiced in all locales around the world, leadership development not only addresses gender equality, it also helps to increase economic, social and cultural opportunities for women in rural as well as urban settings.
