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priority theme: strategies for the eradication of poverty to
achieve sustainable development for all**

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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

HUG4PEACE: A Strategy for Poverty Eradication to Achieve Sustainable Development for all

During the Commission on Social Development 55 Session, our Organizations Tabernacle Worship and Prayer Ministries and UNESCO Center for Global Education in addressing the theme of the 55 Session which has the priority theme on Poverty, noted the following key messages;

- Poverty is a major concern within the 2030 Agenda as it affects all human growth and development
- War and conflict derail economic, national and human development
- Eradicating poverty is an important vehicle for achieving global peace

We further made thoughtful recommendations considered necessary in the work to eradicate poverty as

- There must be focus on how to create innovative solutions with best practices and the skills to ignite action in overcoming poverty at all levels and among groups
- The Commission for Social Development ensures full inclusion of cultural protection systems, as well as cultural norms and values, as part of its commitment to building an inclusive peaceful society free from poverty
- The Commission should advocate for the promotion of peace among ages, groups and agencies at all levels through HUG4PEACE campaigns
- The Commission should encourage Member States, relevant regional organizations and agencies, to research and promote development programs and policies aimed at poverty eradication, education and decent work
- Culture and peace education should be included in the school curriculum
- Charity (material as well as social support) is an important community-based mission of most religions, is instrumental for reaching the poorest of the poor, including the pockets of poverty in the developed world
- Civil society and stakeholders who are advocates of peace should inspire inclusive dialogue on harmonious living and abolition of poverty in commitment to HUG4PEACE global movements

On further grounds of these, especially at the 56th Session of the Commission for Social Development, Tabernacle Worship and Prayer Ministries, Irene Menakaya Schools, African Cultural Promotions Inc. and UNESCO Center for Global Education fully support the efforts of the United Nations through the Commission on Social Development towards ending poverty. Our organizations believe that poverty is detrimental to social, family, societal and personal problems. Poverty is the main cause of community, national and global conflicts. The eradication is the most basic foundation for solving all of these problems. The global community especially through the work of the Commission on Social Development must ignite action strategies to free human lives and existence from poverty. We must ensure this through peace, working in harmony together and giving our inert tendencies a rebirth.

Our Organization has continued to promote peace as a panacea to eradicating poverty and have enacted committed action through the HUG4PEACE Campaigns as an initiative for the UN SDG-16 and Targets. Through peace from home, family,

community, national and global relationships, and environment will exhibit harmony and peaceful habitation thereby paying more attention on development and nation building. The development will bring in employment with earning, development will enhance opportunity on entrepreneurship and economic development and the resultant output will eradicate poverty and end hunger.

We strongly believe that peace is key to eradicating poverty. An inclusive approach to inclusive peace is one of the core strategies for the eradication of poverty to achieve sustainable development for all. This needs to involve linking peace education programs to interventions in establishing social protection floors towards entrepreneurship, food and nutrition, economic and community development projects, involving adults, youth and children to better awareness reasons in assessing and overcoming unique barriers to HUG4PEACE Campaigns, and conducting action related initiatives that promote the right ending hunger and eradicate poverty for all people.

In conclusion, our organizations believe poverty eradication starts with self to family, community, society, national and global with personal choices towards daily existence. If people practice HUG4PEACE, it will gradually lead to development changes that will eventually address poverty and bring forth its overall eradication.
