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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

Advancing the Eradication of Poverty with the Billings Ovulation Method

Eradicating poverty, the embodiment of the 1st Sustainable Development Goal, is supported and promoted by the Billings Ovulation Method® and WOOMB International through socio-economic strategies which enable fiscal responsibility and management. This challenge is confronted within the most basic element of society: the human person. In recognition that the people affected by world poverty are women and children, we address their situation by providing accurate training in comprehensive fertility education and natural fertility regulation through the Billings Ovulation Method®. As we empower women throughout the world in all conditions and circumstances to retain control of their reproductive and sexual powers in order to elevate their socio-economic environments, they safeguard their inherent rights as women to sexual ownership within responsible parenthood. These strategies include the welfare associated with their physiological, emotional, and physical environments.

Self-awareness causes truths about one's environment to permeate the soul and awaken the senses to keen realities which have remained unnoticed and hidden. As women learn to recognize the physiological characteristics associated with their fertility, their exterior environments converge towards this reality. Thus, the self-mastery of their sexuality develops their self-empowerment and freedom.

Emotional holistic approaches to self-empowerment, self-recognition, self-esteem, and self-confidence soar when women are given the knowledge of their fertility and the ability to direct their own reproductive environments. Gender empowerment confirms women's equality within societal norms and ensures their continued success for harmonious strategic outcomes. This reality provides a magnanimous level of peace and assurance for women worldwide, in regard to their individual current circumstances.

By enriching their physical environment through ecological family planning, the Billings Ovulation Method® contributes to the health and well-being of all members of society. Women who employ the Billings Ovulation Method® to postpone or avoid pregnancies naturally fortify their resolve to live complete and comprehensive lives, allowing them to plan and space their children according to their livelihoods. With the knowledge afforded to women through fertility awareness and the Billings Ovulation Method®, they pursue lives of higher education and sustainable employment, thus enabling them to contribute to the good of society and advance towards greater economic and financial stability.

The Billings Ovulation Method® is easy to learn, simple to use and applicable to all women, while being adaptable to all climates, cultures and environments without the need for exterior apparatuses, exacting no cost to women or their socio-economic conditions. WOOMB International, www.woombinternational.org, has proven its sustainability in its ability to transmit this knowledge of fertility health and regulation through the Billings Ovulation Method across the globe, woman to woman. Its translucent ability to provide natural fertility regulation without the inherent complications of many artificial contraceptives designed to limit and space fertility growth warrants further success within positive strategies for sustainable development in eradicating all forms of poverty.