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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

The global affiliates of WOOMB International (World Organisation Ovulation Method Billings) function as localized social protection systems for women and girls in their cohesive ability to support them with comprehensive fertility education and sexual health management through the Billings Ovulation Method® of natural fertility regulation. By doing so, they address unique challenges encountered by women and girls with the provision of specific strategies contingent within the Billings Ovulation Method® to assist in alleviating conditions of poverty in the absence of personal health initiatives. These microcosms provide sustainable advances towards the eradication of those conditions by ensuring all women and girls receive the necessary aids for the enhancement of their sexual and fertility health.

As the health and well-being of women and girls improve across the continents, their empowerment provides the foundational building blocks towards a richer and stronger future. Both within developing countries and developed countries, women and girls benefit from a keen understanding of fertility knowledge in the Billings Ovulation Method® which enables them to assert the direction of their reproductive sexual health priorities. This protective mechanism functions as a safety net for them, ensuring the necessary dialogue surrounding individual independence and fertility growth.

Through the independence gained from the implementation of the strategies present within the Billings Ovulation Method®, women and girls are more readily able to enter into and continue with gainful employment or pursue higher education while choosing when to plan for increases in their family size. Furthermore, they are recognized in the market place as valuable contributors to economic and socio-economic growth. Productive labour market policies throughout the world encourage gender equality and appropriate proportionate representation in the work force and academic institutions.

With the knowledge of the Billings Ovulation Method® afforded to women and girls through fertility awareness and educational instruction, great care is given to ensure their fertility and sexual health remain intact. They benefit from the ability to recognize their fertile characteristics as this can assist in early detection of potential health risks to themselves, and aids in their further prevention. Global affiliates of WOOMB International function as their own micro-cosmic social protection systems to ensure that the strategies of the Billings Ovulation Method® are authentically and correctly imparted to women and girls in their own communities.

The Billings Ovulation Method® is also a micro-cosmic social protection system with its comprehensive strategies imbedded within its methodology. Being easy to learn, simple to use and applicable to all women and girls while adaptable to all climates, cultures and environments without the need for exterior apparatuses, it exacts little to no cost to them or their socio-economic conditions. As a public service, fertility health and education is accessible to all women and girls throughout the world.

WOOMB International has proven its sustainability to transmit this knowledge of fertility health and regulation through the Billings Ovulation Method® across the globe, woman to woman, since 1978. With affiliates in several countries on all continents, it continues to positively affect the sexual health of women and girls everywhere and fertility growth within declining populations. Its translucent ability to provide natural fertility regulation warrants further success within positive strategies towards the sustainable development goals of 2030.