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### **Statement submitted by International Peace and Development Organization, 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

*Statement submitted by the International Peace and Development Organization to the sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women*

The International Peace and Development Organization plays a role in empowering women in Sudan.

It is a voluntary, non-governmental organization that seeks to build peace and promote development in regions affected by emergency conditions. It provides support and assistance, strengthens the culture of peace, coexistence and pronouncement of violence and conducts economic and social development projects. The Organization seeks to implement its activities based on a strategy of empowering women and guaranteeing the dignity and welfare of women and children in areas affected by emergency conditions. It participates effectively in durable peace building and sustainable development through its branch offices in a number of states in Sudan.

The Organization's work methodology is based on the principle of partnership with a number of local and international organizations and United Nations agencies.

The Organization acquired consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in 2009.

The Organization works to improve the conditions of women in armed conflict regions by providing:

- urgent assistance to women and children in conflict regions, including food, clothing and shelter.
- psychological and social care to affected females to treating the psychological effects of wars and armed conflicts.
- other essential services — such as education and health services — to displaced women in nearby safe areas.

The Organization implements programs to raise awareness and combat negative customs and traditions that degrade women in order to strengthen the social status of women. Many awareness-raising activities have been implemented. They employ drama, music and sports as effective means of spreading the message of non-discrimination, peace and nonviolence.

In order to strengthen the position of women politically, the Organization undertakes, with counterpart organizations, to lobby for the active participation of women in decision-making. The Organization also builds capacities and skills in the areas of conflict resolution, negotiating, mediation, and instilling respect for diversity and coexistence to enable women to play robust roles in preventing and resolving conflicts through their presence at all levels of decision-making.