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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

It is very interesting the theme chosen by UN Commission on the Status of Women for the sixty-seventh session scheduled to be held in March 2023 “Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls” however we believe that something is missing to complete the subject matter.

It is good to know that we also in the age of all kinds of wars, pandemics, populism, climate change and environmental degradations. Since and after 9/11 we have been fighting all types of wars, except nuclear war. The beginning of 21st century has been baptized, tainted and sealed by wars that have been waged on, fomented and fabricated by politicians’ miscalculations and fear of hegemonic loss. For instance, the notorious wars on terror have created more terrors, rogue states, dictatorships, ISIS, hatred, gender inequalities, human rights violation, divisions, and psychosis of fear among people, countries and nations worldwide.

Currently there is a mysterious, controversial and proxy war in eastern Europe, “the so-called Russo-Ukrainian war” but it seems easier to comprehend quantum computing and rocket science than to understand the real necessity of that war. Logically, this war will never end since it will turn to a conflict like that of the Israeli Palestinian people. What do we see in Israel and Palestine? Ethnic and religious battles and constant headwinds to preserve a convoluted cohabitation.

Inversely proportional, a tiny group of elected and privileged folks impose to millions of people economic sanctions and wars; decide what it is good or evil, what it is perfect or imperfect. In short, they decide the poverty-driven economy and perpetual insecurities of some states and the emerging economies and the stabilities of other states. That is, no country is free to do legitimate business for sustainability and economic prosperity without fearing of being sanctioned unless she gets a paternalistic and imperialist authorization. We cannot differentiate between free market economy and imperialist paternalism hence simply put, every single country is “under a burden of currency peg and a sort of psychosis of doing business freely.

“It is not smartness versus stupidity of mankind but the perdurance of the status quo and the hegemony of what we all have already known.

Literally, humanity is going backward. Digitalization, metaverse, and innovation are not sufficient to prevent men and women from waging wars. In terms of wars and conflicts, humanity has not changed that much since Roman Empire hence it suffices to use a compass to figure it out, not a magic ball.

We have heard many westerner leaders utter that we are in “an economy of war” but western denizens and people cannot really figure out what their leaders define as an “economy of war” given technically and officially we are not in any war. Who have invented that war that has been draining taxpayers’ monies when we can use all these funds to fight climate change and reduce environmental degradation, improve gender equality, and battle against financial and economic inequalities?

In short, people have been misled and misguided by their political representatives.

The worst-case scenario is that we have a plethora of journalistic houses and companies that have been hypnotizing western societies with news that are not true and wrong either, so nobody knows what they are selling because what they have been doing is not journalism but “war marketing”. If one repeats a lie one hundred times, everybody will take it as a divine credo or cult.

Covid-19, climate change and environmental degradations have created financial crises, recession and inflation everywhere. Europe is already in a recession and the US, Canada, Australia, etc. mostly likely will follow suit in 5 to 10 months. Further we have added a proxy-war to increase the crises for the unique aim to maintain the worldly hegemonic control. Nonetheless the reality and the future are telling us something totally different. There would be no such superpower but economic downturn and “bust”, jobless increment, refugee caravan, undeserved and clandestine immigration, street protests in developed, developing, emerging and underdeveloped countries, that is, it will be a new global phenomenon and paradigm that will reduce democracy and increase populism and terrorism.

People across the world substantially don't trust anymore some major institutions.

If we take the current economic, political and societal outlook of the Americas so whenever the US economy is in a recession, automatically the Canadian economy will not be in a good shape either. Further all these Latin American Countries, included the giant Brazil economies have already been fully damaged because of the pandemic. Venezuela, Honduras, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Haiti and Cuba economies have been dying since the demise of Hugo Chavez. Their citizens have kept crossing the Mexican, US and Canadian borders illegally so it will be worsening if Canada and the US enter a severe recession. Chile is still in a “social and economic “bust” but in general its political and institutional system is quite stable compared to other Latin American countries such as Colombia, Peru, Ecuador, Argentina, etc.

Please just have a look on these quotations below to better understand where we are heading for

Montesquieu, French Philosopher said that

“Small societies have more often the right to make war than large ones, because they are more often in the case of fearing to be destroyed”

“There are only two kinds of just war: one that is fought to repel an attacking enemy; the others, to rescue an ally that is attacked”

“As soon as men are in society, they lose the feeling of their weakness; the equality between them ceases, or the state of war begins”

Karl Marx, German philosopher said that

“The thoughts of the dominant class are also, in all ages, the dominants thoughts”

Jean Monnet, French economist said that

“Men accepts change only in necessity and they only see necessity in crisis”

“Better to argue around a table than on a battlefield”

Winston Churchill famously observed that

“The longer you look back, the farther you can look forward”

Patrick Poivre d'Arvor, French journalist said that

“The aim of journalism is neither to displease nor to please. It is to rub the pen in the wound. The pen, and today the microphone and camera”

We have opted for these quotations to complement our analysis of the theme chosen by UN women organization. What else could we say in reality?

Honestly, people in many western democracies nowadays go out to vote but they don't know how to cast their ballot. Perhaps the problem is not how to vote or how to

pick a candidate but what the problem might be? We believe the problem is misinformation, fake news, mediatic coup d'état, manipulations and economic monopoly of the free press; that is, what was free, it is not free anymore but biased. In the past military coups were more frequent, no matter who triggered them since it is not the point herein. That is, where there cannot be any military coup, so we invent the mediatic coup and propaganda to mischief the public.

Some folks call themselves democrats nonetheless their actions are not different than those of warlords. "Diplomacy and negotiations are quasi-dead" Folks that get paid to promote diplomatic actions and negotiations to avoid wars have ended up supporting wars to secure their jobs, positions and retirement packages.

We do appreciate the initiative and eagerness of UN Commission on the Status of Women to promote gender equality and empower all women and girls by focusing on innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age but we believe beyond all damages caused by Covid-19, this Commission will face more difficulties to achieve her goals regarding this relevant and important theme for humanity in a whole due to many proxy wars across the planet. The first victims of war are usually women, girls and children, it does not matter where the warlords are waging the conflict.

One more thing, IMF says a third of the global economy will be in recession next year, but we believe two third of the world economy will be in recession given there are some countries' economies, especially in Africa, which are technically built on a perpetual recession, inflation, stagnation, and deflation so everything is combined to create a permanent poverty-driven economy with a dead-end route in some countries.

"The longer you look back, the farther you can look forward" quoted Winston Churchill but world leaders nowadays prefer to give damning verdicts on histories and then they don't really care about the future generation sustainability either. It is easy to understand their actions because their role is to waste taxpayers' money, to launch rockets, and impose sanctions wherever it is pleased to perdure in power. In short, all these sanctions will reduce corporations and small businesses capacities to create jobs in all economic sectors. We can just forget about green growth, renewable energy efforts and sustainability.

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