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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

Campaign Life Coalition is a national non-profit organization dedicated to advancing social justice by promoting the protection of every human life from conception to natural death and upholding the traditional family unit as the cornerstone of society. As the Commission considers how to advance social development and social justice through coordinated, equitable, and inclusive policies, we must ensure that inclusivity truly extends to all members of the human family, born and pre-born alike.

Authentic equity requires that pre-born children be valued and protected with the same dignity and legal protection as those already born, as highlighted in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. Social development is only sustainable when respect for every human life, including both mother and child, is safeguarded and reflected in policies and resolutions. Additionally, social development is dependent on a family unit that is grounded in the complementary nature of fatherhood and motherhood as the cornerstone of social well-being. Therefore, to be genuinely inclusive, global efforts must affirm the inherent worth of every person and preserve the moral foundations that strengthen families and communities.

Abortion is the greatest human rights injustice of our time. It is the intentional killing of a human being, denying them their right to life and equality before the law. Every human being, regardless of stage of development, has inherent dignity and worth simply by virtue of being human. This is reflected in Article 3 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and reaffirmed in Article 6 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. To build a truly just and equitable society, we must reject discrimination based on age, size, or level of dependence. The principles of social justice demand that States extend protection and compassion to both mother and child, recognizing that their lives are not in competition but are deeply intertwined. Genuine progress is measured by how we treat the most vulnerable among us, and no group is more vulnerable than the pre-born.

Social development also depends on the strength and stability of the family, which is the “natural and fundamental group unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and the State,” as highlighted in Article 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Children have the best opportunity to thrive when they are raised by both a mother and a father in a loving, committed home. The natural family provides the foundation for emotional well-being, social stability, and moral development. Policies that uphold the integrity of the family unit support not only the individual but the entire fabric of society. To advance social justice, we must create environments that protect and promote the family, respect the unique and complementary roles of mothers and fathers, and empower parents as the primary educators and caregivers of their children. Strengthening the natural family is essential to achieving a society that is both compassionate and just.

To achieve lasting social development and justice, we must recognize that every policy and program must begin with respect for human life and the family. When societies protect the pre-born, support mothers in need, and uphold the family as the foundation of social order, they build the conditions for peace, equality, and genuine inclusion. Campaign Life Coalition urges all governments and institutions to advance coordinated and equitable policies that affirm the dignity of every human being and recognize the irreplaceable role of the traditional family unit. Only by protecting life from its earliest moments and supporting the natural family can we create a truly just and compassionate world for all.