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The Secretary-General has received the following statements, which are being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

Referencing the priority theme of the 2021 ECOSOC High-level Segment, which is also the theme of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development: “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development: Building an inclusive and effective path for the achievement of the 2030 Agenda in the context of the decade of action and delivery for sustainable development.”

It is our NGO’s, which received its NGO Special Consultive Status in July 2017, belief that the best action to take to achieve a “Sustainable and resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, that promotes the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development” is simply creating, maintaining, and advancing "Peace" and more “Peace.” Peace is not only the absence of violence but the absence of the threat of violence too especially if the threat of violence is immediate and viable no matter where it is.

Advancement in any of the seventeen U.N. Sustainable Development Goals should first start with goal sixteen, "Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions.” We think in the future, “Peace” should be U.N. Sustainable Development Goal number one and should be listed by itself. Peace is a whole lot harder without justice and strong institutions, but peace is always possible. We believe violence, bullying, and abuse (VBA) is the "Head of the Snake" for all human and man-made problems. To tackle any human problem, including recovery from COVID-19, “Peace” must be step one, priority one, action one.

How should peace be archived? Every situation is different, but each has thousands of successful paths for peace. And these paths are subject to change at any time as well, so they may continue to be successful. Our good principles of humanity: peace, life, love, freedom, and equality, though, never change. But one principle cannot be sacrificed for another. All of the principles are equal at all times, including in method, practice, or application. A person must be moral to become moral.

Thank you for the opportunity for us to make this submission.

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