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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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2. ACT Alliance-Action by Churches Together, Anglican Consultative Council, Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of the World Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation, Presbyterian Church (USA), United Methodist Church - General Board of Church and Society
3. Adolescent Health and Information Projects, European Health Psychology Society, Institute for Multicultural Counseling and Education Services, Inc., International Committee For Peace And Reconciliation, International Council of Psychologists, International Federation of Business

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BPW Spain objectives and actions are always focused on SDG fulfillment from a gender perspective so that equality (SDG5) and the empowerment of women and girls is a reality. The Covid-19 pandemic has raised new barriers to building inclusive and prosperous economies and societies. Pre-existing gender gaps have amplified the crisis asymmetrically between men and women.

We must be clear that pandemic has aggravated the slow progress towards the achievement of the UN SDG by 2030. However, the massive adoption of digital technologies and greater participation of the private sector have the potential to reactivate action. We have to promote inclusive digitization. Working in partnership with governments and local communities is the key, that way we can systematically address these barriers and the current fragile state of women's participation in the economy, especially in the digital economy. Along with exclusionary gaps in digital infrastructure and unequal distribution of skills, digitalization risks perpetuating discrimination against women and marginalized groups.

Climate change (SDG13) disproportionately affects women around the world. Climate-induced humanitarian disasters often exacerbate existing gender inequalities, leaving women and girls prone to higher rates of violence and malnutrition. Without women leaders in the climate movement, solutions and response to the climate emergency will continue to exclude women's needs and undermine their rights. One third of women's employment in the world is dedicated to agriculture (SDG2) as a source of life, therefore it is essential to increase women's access to land and provide support to women farmers. Women ensure food security in their communities and promote climate resilience. But when it comes to owning land, accessing agricultural inputs, financing and technologies for climate resilience, they lag far behind men. Women are often the custodians of traditional knowledge and stewards of natural resources in their communities. Their experience and valuable insights can help us all better understand managing scarce resources and mitigating climate risks.

The world will be better when women are equally represented as men in decision-making positions. That is why it is very important that women get involved locally and in their personal lives to be leaders and support others to achieve it. If we do not take decisive action to empower and enable more women to claim leadership in politics and public decision-making, we will not achieve equality at the highest levels for the next 130 years. As BPW Spain we will fight for equality, in a world that, after having suffered a serious pandemic such as COVID-19, must learn from its mistakes and move towards a new, more equal and inclusive future.