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





## Statement

Science, technology, innovation and potential of culture are all born out of the passion of Homo sapiens to find an easy means of achieving results.

The advent of science and technology is a result of a better way of administering communication compared with the Stone Age generation. For example, the Stone Age generation used drawing to pass messages or to communicate: they used stones to light fires. We can see that all this developed or was shaped into a more advanced society. Innovation is born out of aggressiveness with the purpose of finding means of survival when the population keeps increasing.

Cultural diversity varies from one ethnic group to another. It fosters deep and profound cooperation between one ethnicity and another. Culture has helped in promoting sustainable development and empowering indigenous people. It has sustained rich cultural values, which are the backbone of a tribe or an ethnic group.

In achieving the aims and objectives of the Millennium Developmental Goals, all these features have played a role in breaking down barriers to cultural diversity. Science and technology have made a lot of people from different tribes come together and achieve a common aim.