


STATEMENT E/CN.6/2021/NGO/125 FOR CSW65 HIGHLIGHTS UIMF ROLE IN THE MOUNTAIN WOMEN ADVOCACY

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<hr/> Commission on the Status of Women Sixty-fifth session 15–26 March 2021 Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled “Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century”	
Statement submitted by Russian Academy of Natural Sciences, and Utah China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Commerce, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council*	
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.	

On December 13, 2020, the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations approved a [written statement](#) co-sponsored by the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences and Utah-China Friendship Improvement Sharing Hands Development and Commerce, two NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC for the 65th session of the commission on the status of Women (CSW65). The statement urges the Commission to have mountain women and girls in the focus of the 2030 Development Agenda. The statement highlights the key role of the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at Utah Valley University (UVU), in the effectiveness of UVU’s student engaged learning (SEL) model for

students' professional growth, international recognition and advocacy of mountain women and Sustainable Mountain Development (SMD) agenda of the United Nations.

The UIMF is continuing preparations for CSW65 by preparing to host a parallel event titled: *Mountain Women Empowerment Through the Inclusive Student-Engaged Learning Model* on March 22, 2021. The event will advocate for mountain women and girls while showcasing SEL and Utah as one of the best examples of SMD. The UIMF's main priority in contributing to the agenda of CSW65 in this way is to get language concerning mountain women – who have been neglected in high-level forums on sustainable development – into the final document of CSW65.

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