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including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by the Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV), a non-governmental organization in special consultative status

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

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Terrorism

As an act of threat to the right to life – something that is one of the most important and vital of human rights – terrorism dates back to almost the age of mankind; and sadly this evil phenomenon has become more complex and destructive with advancement of mankind, which has taken the lives of millions of people throughout history, and threatens millions more with it.

In the last three decades one of the countries most susceptible to this threat of human rights has been Iran which has lost many of its citizens to this evil terrorism phenomenon. This is while the main terror group behind these vicious acts is the Mojaheddin Khalgh Organization (MKO) still remains in the United States list of terror groups while in EU countries which freely it operates in, is not deemed a terror organization. Some western countries openly support the MKO to such an extent that the group has even found its way in the Human Rights Council corridors, and reads statements under the pretext of nongovernmental organizations.

Over the recent years as well as the crimes of the MKO, in the south-western parts of Iran another terror group is terrorising the people of the region, and on several occasions has killed Iranian citizens in brutal attacks. Just like the MKO, through the cover of Pakistani NGOs, this terror organization has managed to find a platform in the Human Rights Council and is trying to show goodwill intentions in order to receive sympathy at the international level, and cover up its criminal activities which it commits against the innocent people of Iran.

As a nongovernmental organization that continually condemns all forms of terrorism across the world, the Organization for Defending Victims of Violence (ODVV) feeling the great danger from the terrorist nature of these groups and their objectives calls upon the Human Rights Council to adopt measures to ensure that the members of these terror groups are not permitted to attend the Council sessions under the pretext of human rights and read statements and hold sidelines meetings, panels and lobbies with government to reach their objectives.

The ODVV also calls upon the Special Rapporteur on Terrorism to use his capacities to review the situation of these terror groups and the destructive support that they receive on the international level, to prevent the activities of these groups through more effective mechanisms, and measures.
