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Written statement* submitted by the Women Organization for Development and Capacity Building, 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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Violations against human rights in South and North Kordufan states

We, the workers at Labena Organization which works since its association in 2004 helping affecters of wars and disputes focusing on women in south Kordufan, Blue Nile, Kassala and South Sudan before secession.

The organization is keep working its work at the same places even after peace agreement, besides working on peace building, advocating, resettlement, integration and cooperating with repatriation and IDPs at displacement areas.

During managing to Labena humanitarian work at the major fields mentioned above, in addition to its active partnership with international and national organizations (photos accompanied of work models); in the time where citizens, women and kids particularly feel relief, we shocked by the Revolutionary Front at Sudan People Liberation Movement (SPLM) leadership intensive attack on civilians and safe families at Al-dinder, Abkorshula, Al-bajayia and Um Brumbita areas during April and May.

We, as witnesses during our work, saw many innocent people have been killed, tortured and displaced. It's worth mentioning that more 50 thousands families have been displaced from their areas due to the violent attack.

Many civilians have been killed at Al-Dinder village due to intensive attack resulted in escaping of its citizens on foot for more than 90 kilo meters in April 2013, in the next month Ab-Korshula village has been exposed to the same violation as well. Many trade properties and house furniture has been stolen and collapsing infrastructure.

Husbands and wives have been raped in front of each other then killed them directly, besides captive of many girls.

Girls have been used in tough work contrary to the humanity, in addition to the forcing recruitment of children which contradicting with all agreement and international conventions.

These violations and humanitarian crimes have affected economically which resulted in displacing of many families and mounts of civilians' kill. Many women and children have been suffered from psychological diseases still cured under supervision of medical and psychological welfare.

Despite of all previous tragic images and all torture and kill women exposed to, there's many heroic stories of women represented their courage and her managing and dealing with crisis besides her perfect humanitarian work; for example the mother 40 years old holding three kids escaping from the violence in her village; Abu-Kurshola, Al-Rahad locality, in her way she found 15 children alone in one of remote areas running from the violence also in their areas, she hold them with her three children after feeding them and keep running towards the relief camps and found their parents as well. We cannot also forget to mention the special participation of Civilian Society Organization which hosts many of vulnerable families who affected by war.

We, as an organization working on the human rights and advocating on the vulnerable people particularly women and kids rights who affected by war and disputes and witnessed many violated actions towards them, we appraised your distinguished council to the following:

 Addressing all movements and authorities who use women and kids as human shields to stop their violence attacks and reproving all criminals who participating in this violence and crisis.

- Activating all deterrent laws and implementing the assigned agreements which accuses these violates crimes.
- Implementing all standards specialized in protected women, children and family socially and psychologically.
- Continuing in supporting the international and regional efforts in peace building between the two countries; the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan, and demanding the last to stop threatening the security of the vulnerable families.
- Demanding all organizations who work in rebuilding to intense their efforts in repatriating all displaced people to their areas to feel stable and safe.

We hope this statement will be considered as an example of what have been seen and practiced against women and children hoping that our voice will help in cease these kinds of crimes and violence.

Labena organization is so grateful of granting this opportunity to express its regrets of all violence crimes.

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