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political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by the Association for Defending Victims of Terrorism, 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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Necessity of trial of the leaders of the terrorists at international courts

Terrorist acts in all forms are among the most serious threats to international peace and security. Any terrorist act at any time and place, regardless of the motivation, is a criminal unjustified act, and necessitates the international community to take measures decisively.

With respect to their crimes, ISIS has drawn the attention of many people around the world, governments, personalities and international bodies and it has become a major security concern in many countries. Takfiri terrorist group of ISIS is active in Iraq, Syria, Libya, Egypt, France, Turkey, Afghanistan and is the cause of the killing and captivity and displacing of thousands of innocent humans. ISIS is taking measures in order to destroy human achievements.

Recalling the reports of International Committee of the Red Cross, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Iraqi Human Rights Ministry, and confessions of the leaders of the group and adapting the evidence to the Statute of the International Criminal Court, ISIS crimes include genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes.

We can outline ISIS crimes as the following:

- Genocide, for example killing all or a part of a national, ethnical, racial and religious group
- Crimes against humanity, including Murder, extermination, enslavement, deportation or forcible transfer of population, imprisonment, torture, rape, sexual slavery, forced prostitution, abusing and chasing a group or specific population, and forced disappearance of people
- War crimes, including violation of Geneva Convention and other legal and customary laws which have been mentioned in international armed conflicts

Association for Defending Victims of Terrorism (ADVT), along with other international bodies, honors to publish statements as a human rights defender NGO in order to give voice to the victims of terrorism in international assemblies. Moreover, explaining its position on global developments, ADVT tries to consider the demands of the victims of terrorism, including prosecution of the leaders of terrorist groups in national, regional or international bodies. Emphasizing international activities against takfiri terrorist group of ISIS, including adoption of the resolution 2170 of the United Nations Security Council, adoption of the resolution of the United Nations Human Rights Council in the twenty-ninth session, and the reports of Independent International Fact-Finding Committee on Syria about violation of international laws by ISIS, ADVT calls on:

- 1- UN Secretary-General and the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court to refer the case of ISIS terrorists and its leaders to International Criminal Court and pave the way for the prosecution the leaders of terrorist groups including al-Nusra Front, Boko Haram, al-Shabab, al-Qaeda, and Mujahedin-e Khalq Organization
- 2- All the states, international assemblies, and UN General Assembly to criminalize terrorist acts in national and international laws and adopt a plan for compensation to the victims of terrorism in order to take an effective measure in fighting against terrorism
- 3- UN Secretary-General, state leaders, and other international bodies to adopt a firm stance against the acts of terrorists who relate such crimes to a religion or a nationality and try to defame Islam.