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Written statement* submitted by the World Barua Organization, 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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Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions

Mr President,

We welcome the opportunity to speak on the issue of extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions in India, in particular considering the areas under the rule of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act of 1958. We would like to follow up on the Special Rapporteur's reports A/HRC/31/66 and A/HRC/29/37/Add.3.

We acknowledge the move by the Government of India to investigate cases of extrajudicial executions in Manipur during the last 5 decades. We believe that the reports by the Special Rapporteur were of paramount importance for making the investigations started. Nevertheless, we are concerned over the on-going killings for the last one year by undisclosed persons or parties. We are left with the impression that the Indian Armed Forces are still engaged in such executions under the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) of 1958. Furthermore, there are allegations that the executed people were brought from neighbouring countries, then killed by the Indian Army, and reported as being killed in an encounter. From 2015 to May 2016, 87 persons were killed by security forces. In the north east the movement for Self-Determination is going on for the 5 decades.

The families of the victims of sexual violence and extrajudicial execution are still waiting for justice. Will justice be denied for forever?

On 4th May, 2016, AFSPA was extended to 12 districts of Arunachal Pradesh with the consent of the Arunachal Pradesh Government. We are afraid that the rule under AFSPA may end up in similar atrocities mentioned above.

Mr President,

We request the Human Rights Council to urge the Government of India in order to:

1. Repeal the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act of 1958;
2. Inform about the steps taken to repeal AFSPA;
3. Invite the Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Execution for following up his visit to Manipur and further to witness the progress of his recommendations.

Thank you Mr President.
