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**Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner  
for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the  
High Commissioner and the Secretary-General**

### **Written statement\* submitted by the International Career Support Association, 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.

[7 June 2016]

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## **ISHADO Sayoko**

I am an ordinary Japanese person, born in Okinawa Prefecture, Japan.

I came here to seek the repeal of the recommendations by the UN Human Rights Committee and the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination to the Japanese government to protect Okinawans as an indigenous people.

There are two reasons for my request.

First, the UN NGO groups that made the appeal, namely the UN IMADR (International Movement against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism) and CDC (Citizens Diplomacy Centre for the Rights of Indigenous People), do not in the least represent the people of my prefecture.

Indeed, most people in Okinawa have never heard of those groups, and within Okinawa, no one considers themselves indigenous or even has such a discussion.

When the public heard of this recommendation, it began to distrust the UN.

Second, this recommendation has the danger of inviting regional conflict because it is an effort by the neighboring communist powers to demilitarize and thus destabilize the East China Sea in their favor.

The U.S.-Japan alliance provides security and deterrence to the region, but the groups that requested this recommendation all seek to remove U.S. bases from the geo-strategically important Okinawa, which will cause deterrence to decline and conflict to increase.

If the UN does not repeal this recommendation, it will ironically and sadly create the very wars the UN was meant to prevent in the first place. Thus, I request the repeal of the recommendation, made four times in the past to the Japanese government, as early as possible. Thank you for your attention

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