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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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Today, I will share a very shocking story with you. It's so-called comfort women issue. The United Nations were deceived by malicious influences and accordingly created another human rights violation problem.

In 1983, an author Seiji Yoshida published a book titled "My War Crime" as a confession. He confessed his personal involvement in enforcing over 200 Korean women to become sex slaves.

Later Yoshida admitted he had lied because if he wrote only facts, the book wouldn't be sold well. That was all about money.

Recently Yoshida's son answered at an interview and confessed by pointing out that his father never had visited Cheju Island in Korea where the crime had been allegedly committed, and his father wrote the book looking at a map of the island. Yoshida's son said at the interview "My father made up a false history. I want to remove all the comfort women statues by using crane truck".

In 1992, a Japanese lawyer named Etsuro Totsuka brought this issue to the UN Human Rights Committee even no comfort women came forward to claim that they were forced and victimized.

UN sent Special Rapporteur Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy to Japan for research. She got some fabricated story and she made a report called "Coomaraswamy Report" in 1996.

The report says:

It's appropriate to call those comfort women "Sex Slaves." Because of it, this word spread throughout the world. Today, 20 years later from then, the report has been proved completely groundless.

However, unfortunately another human rights violation has been occurred by the very UN report.

The ethnic discrimination targeted Japanese living in foreign countries by the people who believed this vicious widespread made-up story.

Bullying and harassment targeted to Japanese children is becoming frequent in California and New Jersey, in the United States.

Because of it, parents association of those children submitted a petition to Prime Minister Abe to provide government support to those victims.

Entire Japanese are labeled as the descendants of rapists who abused sex slaves.

Japanese' human rights have been so heavily violated that we must call it "anti-Japan racism".

What we want to point out here is that the ones who brought this fabricated theory of "Comfort women were Sex slaves" to the UN was a part of Japanese NGOs who have been running after the money for their own interests, even deceiving honorable United Nations.

Right after the Coomaraswamy report was released, Japanese Government made a powerful counter document stating that the report has no value to claim "investigation report" which concluded that there was no forcible nature.

Unfortunately, the government of Japan was defeated by political pressures at the time and reluctantly withdrew the document which was once submitted to the UN. It's not because of the contents of the document was wrong.

October last year, a UN special rapporteur Ms. Maud de Boer-Buquicchio visited Japan for a week under the invitation of Japanese NGOs and the Japan Federation of Bar Associations.

She and those NGOs held a press conference in Tokyo and addressed that “13% of Japanese female students are involving to the prostitution.”

This is exactly the same case as comfort women issue.

Because we found that this information was totally groundless, we reported to Japanese government. The government reacted immediately. Eventually, the UN special rapporteur apologized and retracted her original statement. She was deceived by Japan Federation of Bar Associations and associated NGOs again.

Major number of Japanese people has an impression that the UN is an establishment fabricates the truth, forges the stories for “Japan bashing” and expressing their displeasure to the UN to Japanese government to reduce or stop paying assessed contribution to the UN which we’ve been paying approximately 300 million US dollars every year as a second largest contributor to the UN.

We think it’s wrong to blame UN because UN has been deceived by some of those NGOs who have malicious intentions for their own profits. UN is also, in a sense, a victim of those benefit and privilege seekers.

In order not the UN to repeat the same mistakes trapped by malicious NGOs’ lies, we sincerely demand UNHRC to have hearings from contrary indication positively.

If you are willing to apply it to this comfort women issue, in order not to repeat the same mistake, we urge UNHRC to send Special Rapporteur to Japan again to check whether your previous report which states “Japanese military comfort women were sex slaves” is still valid or that was reported wrongly because UN had deceived by those NGOs and individuals.

Additionally we want UN to be aware that some of those NGOs are formed by Anti-Japan Koreans and Chinese living in Japan.

If our demand is ignored by UNHRC, the existence of UN and its idea would be fundamentally doubted.
