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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

### **Written statement\* submitted by the Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy, 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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Under the para 31 of Vienna Declaration it is responsibility of state to provide medical services to the population.

As per the survey report of the Indian Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development (CRRID) on government health facilities across Punjab, a grim picture comes forth. The surveyors have also found that there is a practice of operation theatre attendants and other staff of different hospitals, demanding bribes in the shape of 'Badhai / Shagun' from the patients after the delivery of a child.

This is indeed a very shameful situation prevailing in India. And that it persists in the Province of Punjab, indeed amounts to ethnic and racial discrimination. Are the citizen of Punjab province lesser citizens of India? Are medical facilities not amongst basic human rights, Mr President?

I request the Council to take immediate action to ensure rights of the poor population of Punjab, especially the people living in villages / backward areas. This may help alleviate the sufferings of minorities of India.

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