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### **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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## **Disaster of Human Rights Violation Under the Pretext of War on Terror**

The most important phenomenon in this day and age that plays a horrible part in challenging the great human values, international peace and security is terrorism to the extent that the brutality and cruelty of this time are unprecedented in human history.

Some western countries in league with dependent governments formulate and carry out plans in the name of combating terrorism; yet, the political concerns dominating these policies have not undermined terrorism. On the contrary, they have put serious obstacles in the way of the reasonable measures which may help weaken terrorism.

The ugliest face of terrorism becomes manifest when it is perpetrated in the name of defending human beings, community and international law and it entails a catastrophic trend apart from claiming human lives, destroying cities and destructing the developmental infrastructures. And this is indeed detrimental to the values of international community.

For years, innocent people have lost their lives in houses, schools, hospitals, mosques, and churches under the pretext of war against terrorism in air strikes on Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Yemen, Syrian Arab Republic and other places and the infrastructures of these countries have been destroyed. Nothing can make up for the inflicted damages for ages. This can be labelled as "treating terrorism with terrorism", and no certain future is conceivable for this policy in the critical eyes of unbiased experts.

So, it should be emphasized that fighting terrorism is only possible by observing the framework of human rights, and that it would be disastrous to relinquish human rights in the times of crisis. It is recommended that although the United Nations has not made much success in countering terrorism, it may function as the only institution that can achieve international consensus for combating terrorism effectively.

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