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political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by 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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Strategies to Support Victims of Terrorism

It seems that the most serious crime according to the international standards is terrorism. We, therefore, request the United Nations (UN) to thoroughly investigate and report cases of terrorist crimes and also to address the adverse effects of terrorist crimes on survivors and victims of such incidents.

With an emphasis on identifying victims of terrorism as the holders of the right of complaints and the states obligations, we call on UN member states:

- 1) To establish a national focal point to harmonize the activities of anti-terrorism non-governmental organizations so as to ensure due protection of the rights of the victims of terrorism,
 - 2) To promote adequate protective policies for the victims of terrorism and to provide them with necessary legal assistance and right to lodge their complaints,
 - 3) Recalling that terrorism is the most blatant example of hatred and revenge everywhere, we suggest that UN join the campaign for the World against Violence and Extremism.
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