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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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Chain of Slavery on Workers' Bodies

Workers are the most honourable people of any society who have suffered most and made the most efforts for development of societies. Workers have been suppressed in various ways throughout history. In an era they were victims of socialist thought and in another era they were victims of capitalistic exploitation. Today, these colonial schools use terrorism as a tool to promote their exploitative plans against workers.

For many years, the phenomenon of terrorism has gone beyond the issues of war, violence, and killing of human beings deceives labourers under the pretext of job and better life in other countries and exploits them as slaves in the organizational limitations which can be called modern slavery.

One of these kinds of violations of workers' rights, which is related to the MEK (People's Mujahedin Organization of Iran) terrorist group, occurred during the rule of the Ba'ath party in Iraq. They deceived job seekers about the promise of a better work, education and a better life in Europe. Then, they transferred the job seekers to Iraq and their organizational limitations and prevented them from leaving by seizing identification documents, and this enslavement continues.

Human rights bodies and the defenders of workers' rights in the international arena have taken a lot of measures to uphold workers' justice in the states, the capitalist system, and colonialist policies. But, the issue of the damage of terrorism to the working class, especially its deception for work placement is still neglected.

The Association for Defending Victims of Terrorism calls on international, regional and national efforts to take the necessary measures in line with security and peace for the workers in the regions affected by terrorism.
