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

### **Written statement\* submitted by Community Human Rights and Advocacy Centre (CHRAC), 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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## Genocide

The genocide of Sikhs is on rise in India. The Indian state has adopted laws and policies that systematically discriminate against the Sikh Nation, their genocide and their stigmatized critics towards the government. Prejudices embedded in the government of the ruling Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) have infiltrated independent institutions, such as the police and the courts, which in turn has empowered nationalist groups to threaten, harass and attack Sikh and other minority groups with impunity.

The Indian farmers' protest is an ongoing protest regarding the three farm acts which were passed by the Indian Parliament in September 2020. This protest involves people from various ethnic backgrounds, religions and nations. However, the BJP leaders and its supporters attempted to discredit these protesters, those from the Sikh Nation, by accusing them of conspiring against national interests. Senior BJP leaders and their supporters for pro-government began blaming the Sikhs Nation using social media. They accuse Sikhs of having a “Khalistani” agenda, referencing back to a Sikh separatist movement in Punjab that happened between the 1980s and 90s. The Indian government has also arrested many Sikh youths with false accusations. On January 29th, 2021, 22-year-old Ranjit Singh who comes from the village of Kajampur in Punjab’s Nawanshahr district, was arrested at the Singhu border by Delhi police. Police claimed that Ranjit Singh attempted to attack them with a sword, however that was not true. He was released on bail after much struggle from his family. That same day, police arrested 34 Sikh farmers based on these false accusations. Under the guise of this protest, the Indian government arrested “A total of 151 farmers in various FIRs. Those arrested include 80-year-old Gurmukh Singh and 70-year-old Jeet Singh.

The Indian government has not only failed to stop the genocide of the Sikh nation and other minority groups but is also providing political patronage and cover for bigotry. My organization requests that this Council urge the Indian government to stop the genocide of the Sikh Nation and cease the provision of political patronage and cover for bigotry.

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