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including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by Liberation, a non- governmental organization on the roster

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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Violence Against Women

Violence against women is still a normal practice in India. Most frequent forms of violence against women in India include acts such as domestic abuse, sexual assault, murder, etc. Cases of violence against women in India is rapidly increasing each day. The Hindustan Times reported that in March 2021 in India, complaints of violence against women received by the National Commission for Women (NCW) rose sharply from 19,730 cases in 2019 to 23,722 cases in 2020. Now in the year 2021, the NCW continues to receive over 2,000 complaints every month of crimes against women, with nearly one in every four women being a victim of domestic violence.

On June 13th, 2021, a woman named Varsha was beaten to death by her husband Rahul, in Alwar city of Rajasthan. The couple were at odds with each other due to financial difficulties affecting them. In the evening of the 13th of June, Rahul had told Varsha to go to work, however she had refused because she was not well. This angered Rahul to the point of him beating Varsha with a stick. People took Varsha to JLN Hospital in Ajmer Rajasthan, where doctors declared her dead. On hearing this news, Rahul had fled the scene. In another incident, a 35-year-old woman was forced to parade naked, and then beaten up by her husbands' family for "leaving her husband for another man" in the village Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar district of West Bengal in India.

I urge this council to question the Indian governments' alarming increase in cases of violence against women in last two years and ask that the government take strong action to stop these incidents.
