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including the right to development**

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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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Human Rights Bodies, Treaties and Mechanisms

Human Rights Bodies, Treaties and Mechanisms have played an important role to bring peace and prosperity for humanity throughout the world, but this is not the case in India as it seems to completely ignore its obligations towards the safeguard of basic human rights for its people.

Today, I wish to bring knowledge to the Council and its affiliated treaty bodies, the so-called lower-caste Indians, commonly known as Dalits, who are leading miserable lives in sub-human conditions even in the 21st century.

A good proportion of India's vast Dalit population has tried to avoid this racial discrimination by converting to other faiths like Christianity and Islam. However, they faced new dangers to their lives and properties after their free-will conversion. The Hindu extremists start haunting such people and usually, these persecuted communities end up being lynched to death or physically maimed and socially boycotted. As of today, there is yet to be a trial where the prosecutor is to receive their sentence. Does this mean that there is no religious or caste-based victimization in India? Unfortunately, the media and human rights defenders have piles of verified incidents of violence against the Dalits and other religious minority groups in India, and it is the Indian system that has turned a blind eye towards these poor communities. Therefore, I appeal to this Council as well as to the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of religion or belief and other treaty bodies, to take note of the growing persecution of Dalits and other indigenous minority groups in India, and advise the Indian government to “protect not just cows, but human beings as well”.
