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including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by Stichting Global Human Rights Defence, 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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Human Rights Violations and Religious Radicalization of Balochistan

The Baloch people in Pakistan are facing socio-cultural and economic aggressions by Pakistani state.

Societal transgression on the Baloch in the form of imposing fundamentalist Islamic views in school curriculums is the aspect of human rights violation which is being used by the Pakistani authorities as a tool to counter the Baloch national struggle for the right to self-determination. It is as a result of these policies that the number of Madrasas –that are the main source of recruits for Taliban and ISIS has outstripped the number of schools in Balochistan.

These go together with the enforced disappearances and extra-judicial killing of Baloch political workers and human rights activists by the security forces. In the process of implementing these policies, the lives and human rights of millions of people are being compromised.

The ruthless exploitation of Baloch national resources and the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) are other aspects of human rights violation in Balochistan.

These actions are seriously endangering not only the Baloch socio-political way of life but causing tremendous economic devastation to the people.

We request the Council to take immediate action and ask Pakistan to stop the gross violations of human rights in Balochistan.

Baloch Human Rights Council, NGO(s) without consultative status, also share the views expressed in this statement.