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Written statement* submitted by Platform for Youth Integration and Volunteerism, 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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* Issued as received, in the language of submission only.



Justice for a fifteen year old “F.K” who was brutally murdered by Officials of BSF on Indian-Bangladesh border in violation of Human Rights and existing treaties between India and Bangladesh

January 7, 2021 marked 10th death anniversary of F.K., a Bangladeshi adolescent who was shot dead by the Indian Border Security Force (BSF). In 2011, BSF members shot and killed F.K. at the India-Bangladesh border and left her body hanged on the fence. However, the main accused of the murder, BSF member, Amiya Ghosh along with his superior officers who were directly involved in F.K.’s killing, were not punished. The farcical trial of F.K.’s murder was first heard at the BSF’s internal court, the General Security Forces Court (GSFC), where the accused Amiya Ghosh was acquitted. Later, the same court, after reconsidering the verdict, acquitted Amiya Ghosh, retaining their earlier verdict. My organization want your attention to the mistrial and demand for justice of a fifteen year old innocent girl who was brutally killed by Indian BSF.

Fifteen-year-old F.K. was gunned down allegedly by Amiya Ghosh, the BSF member of 181 BSF Battalion, when she, along with her father, was returning home from India through Anantapur border under Phulbari Upazila in Kurigram District on 7 January 2011. The young girl lived and worked in New Delhi; however, her marriage was arranged in Bangladesh. F.K. and her father attempted to cross the border. While crossing, F.K.’s dress got stuck on the barbed wire on top of the border fence and BSF opened fire at her. F.K. was left up-side down, tangled in the barbed wire for about five hours. As she pleaded for water during her last breath, no one came forward to help. The image of F.K.’s death went viral, internationally, and led to huge outcries across the world but with neither any justice to the adolescent nor any consequence for the violators. The killing and torturing of Bangladeshi children at the border is nothing new to the BSF. In 2010, a school boy, H.H. (15) was tortured to death by BSF members. BSF members also shot dead another school boy H. (16) in 2015 and two more school students named S.R and H.u.R- in 2017 and S.R.B.(14) in 2019.

Human rights activists and organizations are deeply concerned about the fairness of the trial and indiscriminate use of power for manslaughter of innocent people by BSF. We plea and believe that only fair and independent trial of the accused can serve the true justice to F.K.’s families and put a halt to the use of excessive force resulting into spree of killings of innocent Bangladeshi at the hands of BSF.

We look forward to a positive response from the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNOHCHR) to take appropriate action against the killing of innocent F.K. and help to serve merit based justice to the family.
