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political, economic, social and cultural rights,
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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Right to Development

Respecting migrants and their right to development is not only a legal obligation and a legitimate aspiration of all human beings. It is also a pre-condition for our societies to grow and prosper in peace and security. The prohibition on discrimination, which is at the centre of all the human rights treaties, gives equal protection to citizens and migrants. The fundamental rights protection contained in the two International Covenants, and in the conventions protecting the rights to development apply universally to citizens and to all migrants, regardless of their immigration status. Our organization wants to bring council attention towards India where numbers of Hindu families migrated from Bangladesh and Pakistan to India in past few years as a result of false Indian government propaganda to introduce Citizenship amendment act. Hundreds of Pakistani Hindus have migrated to India in search of Indian citizenship but are caught in a maze of rules and regulations that have left them stateless for years. These families are kept in detention camps and their passports were confiscated and the family members were subjected to ill treatment being low cast Hindu. They have no access electricity, clean water, health facilities, education and job. Indian government failed to provide them right to development for their bright future. For years, they had been living in deplorable conditions in India, with the sole aim of gaining Indian citizenship and right to development one day. We are forced to take up this issue in Geneva because it is a global capital of human rights. Government of India is not giving them Indian nationality, right to development and other basic human rights. Many of migrated Hindus families wants to go back to their own countries but Indian government refused to do this. The migrated Hindu families situation exposed Indian democracy on right to development. The issue needs attention of UN Human Right Councils as India has refused Indian nationality to migrated Hindu families. We urge this council to ask India to resort this long-standing issue of migrants on priority.
