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political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by Human Is Right, 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.



Human Rights Violations In The North East Of India

Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other status. Human rights include the right to life and liberty, freedom from slavery and torture, freedom of opinion and expression, the right to work and education, and many more. Our organization wants to bring council attention on states in the North East of India where the Indian government violates human rights under a black law AFSPA 1958 (The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act) at large scale. The response of the Indian Government to unrest in the North East has always been shaped by the geo strategic significance of the region. The deployment of Army and other armed forces of the Centre that began with the out-break of the armed Naga struggle for freedom in mid 50s has continued unabated. The effort of Indian government has been to deal with the freedom movements militarily instead of addressing its underlying causes and conditions. Besides resulting in a heavy militarisation of the entire environment, this approach has corroded the ability of the state to develop and maintain a viable apparatus of their own to execute the responsibility of maintaining law and order. It would not be wrong to say that the governments of the North-Eastern states, particularly Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura have abdicated their constitutional obligations and are being virtually run by the Centre with the help of the army and para-military forces.

Indian army using brutal methods to control freedom movements in North-East India and as the freedom movements spreading to Mizoram, Manipur and Tripura, more troops were rushed to the region and more brutal methods were employed to control the situation. There is not a single family in the North East India without a tale of sorrow linked to army atrocities/excesses. North East Indian states are continue to be administered militarily because of an overwhelming presence of the armed forces and the incompetence and demoralization of the state police organisations. Further more, last year Indian army killed 15 people in Nagaland under AFSPA, for which people have not been able to get justice till date. We urge this council to ask Indian government to stop military operations in North East India and also repeal AFSPA1958.
