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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

### **Written statement\* submitted by Mother of Hope Cameroon Common Initiative Group, 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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## **Right to Adequate Housing in India**

The right to adequate housing is a human right recognized in international human rights law as part of the right to an adequate standard of living. One of the first references to it is in article 25 (1) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Country like India where the Indian government violates these rights for demolishing houses of poor and Minorities. On 27 October 2022, Indian government demolished 25 houses in south west Fatehpur Beri Delhi, a Muslim locality on Friday during prayertime without any prior notice. Residents said that they were not allowed to take out their household appliances and were threatened and beaten by the police force when they objected. The police used brutal force and manhandled women injuring several of them seriously. They were not even provided time to rescue their household goods. In such a cold weather, these people were forced to live with their families under the open sky. Indian government demolished 38,2960 houses in 2022 – meaning at least 100 homes were destroyed every day. In other words, at least 567 were evicted every day or 24 people lost their homes every hour. On 12 December 2022, despite the severe cold & fog in Delhi Indian government demolished 500 houses in the Punjabi Bagh area leading to death of a child due to cold. These families left homeless without any rehabilitation by Indian government. The latest report of the Housing and Land Rights Network (HLRN) on forced evictions in India has pointed to the new disturbing trend of “demolitions as a punitive measure” by various state governments and noted that these “arbitrary acts” of demolishing of homes and structures of minority communities have compounded the vulnerabilities of women, children, older persons, and persons with disabilities. Every year in India, millions of people are forcibly evicted from their homes and their land, often leaving them living in extreme poverty and destitution. We urge this council to ask Indian government to stop this act offorcible eviction of people from their homes and provide them the right to adequate housing.

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