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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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* Issued as received, in the language of submission only.



Sale and Sexual Exploitation Of Children

Sale and sexual exploitation of children is treated as a criminal practice that involves violations of children's rights through abuse and exploitation. Our organization wants to bring council attention towards India sale and sexual exploitation of children is on rare. As many as one child disappears every eight minutes for sale and sexual exploitation, according to the Indian National Crime Records Bureau. In some cases, children are taken away from their homes to be bought and sold in the market. In other cases, children are tricked into the hands of traffickers by being presented an opportunity for a job, when in reality, upon arrival they become enslaved. In India, there are many children are sold for various reasons such as labour, begging, and sexual exploitation. Because of the nature of this crime; it is hard to track; and due to the poor enforcement of laws in India, it is difficult to prevent.

Due to the nature of this crime, it is only possible to have estimates of figures regarding the issue. India is a prime area for Sale and sexual exploitation of children. Though most of the trafficking occurs within the country, there is also a significant number of children trafficked from Nepal and Bangladesh. There are many different causes that lead to Sale and sexual exploitation of children, with the primary reasons being poverty, weak law enforcement, and lack of good quality of public education. No action against Sale and sexual exploitation of children in India is being taken at any levels which shows that the Indian government is not looking serious in this regard. We urge this council to ask Indian government to protect children from Sale and sexual exploitation and take strong measures to prevent this issue.
