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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

Children rights are the human rights of children with particular attention to the rights of special protection and care afforded to minors. Sale and sexual exploitation of children is a fundamental violation of a human rights prohibited by international law. Our organization would like to draw council attention towards India where as many as 169 children are sexually abused every day, according to the data by the National Crime Record Bureau, which showed a 22 per cent rise in such cases from the previous year.

In India, the vulnerabilities of religious minority girls, often in rural areas, who are victims of abductions, forced and early marriages and conversions by criminal groups of the majority religion male population. These criminal gangs of India takes advantage of religious laws that justify the marriage of minors and authorities have no regard for religious minority rights. In addition, parents seeking justice to be contended with a legal system in which forced conversion of their child, makes the pursuit of justice difficult and sometimes not even granting the family the right to make an appeal in the court. Legal recourse in the majority of these cases is only achieved after sustained and high-level, external pressure, driven by civil society, which unfortunately cannot be realistically granted for each case.

The heinous crime of sale of children still happens in India. Children are kidnapped and sold for the business of organ trading in India in addition to many ending up as sex slaves. The singular impediment of this crime is the dysfunctional nature of the criminal justice architecture in India, as well as the notorious criminal-police nexus. The dysfunctional criminal justice mechanism is incapable of, and indifferent to, bringing the perpetrators to justice. Our organization therefore calls on the Human Rights Council and UN Bodies to ask Indian government to improve justice system for providing justice to victims of Sale and sexual exploitation of children.
