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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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## Racism

A person is called racist when they display emotions of hatred, are prejudiced, make biases and show intolerance against another person solely due to their skin colour, language, place of origin or any other attribute which they might have gained biologically.

The north-eastern people are subjected to daily humiliation and passing of comments, with first assumptions lumping them all to be "Chinese". Similarly, Dalits, formerly known as "untouchables", continue to be discriminated against in educational facilities and in their workplaces. There has been an increase in acts of violence against Dalits, as a reaction to their recently organised and vocal demands for social progress, and to narrow historical caste differences.

My organization would like to share, that people from North-East India living in Delhi often face racial profiling, discrimination, difficulties in getting jobs or safe housing. On November 20, 2021, Students from Assam faced Instances of Racism at Delhi University through WhatsApp groups formed by the students unofficially.

On 17 December 2021 in Bihar, a video of a Dalit man being forced to lick his own spit on the streets of Bihar. The video purportedly showed a Panchayat election candidate assaulting two Dalit men in the Aurangabad district. Balwant Singh, who was contesting for the post of Panchayat head was heard blaming the Dalit men for his loss.

Therefore, we request your august office to take up the issue of retributive violence against Dalits and other minority groups in India, to ensure the basic human rights of the minorities.

We look forward to a positive response from the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and the Special Rapporteurs (SR) on minority issues in this regard.