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Written statement* submitted by the Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy, 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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High-Level Panel on the 10th Anniversary of the Human Rights Council

Presenter: Awatar Singh Sekhon

Mr President,

First of all, I would like to congratulate the High-Level Panel and Member States on the 10th Anniversary of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations, including all NGOs. The High-Level Panel of the UN:HRC has been doing a remarkable service in the areas of gross Human Rights and other areas such as persecution, torture, summary executions, women and children rights, eradication of racism as this all Human race is one, eradication of caste system, improvements in the developmental areas, etc.

Mr President,

Since the establishment of the Council (UN:HRC), the Honourable Mary Robinson, Honourable Madam Justice Louise Arbour and Honourable Madam N Pillay, all the Human Rights Commissioners, have had done remarkable services to provide their guidance in the various areas, especially the Bosnia case of Human Rights and to preserve the human rights at the International Court of Justice, The Hague, of the United Nations. The Honourable Madam Justice Arbour, in her capacity of the Special Prosecutor, did a superb job to deal with the Human Rights abusing head of states in Bosnia, in addition to her prime responsibility as the High Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission and Chief of the Council (UN:HRC). Similarly, Honourable Madam N Pillay had given her guidance on the various programmes of the Council.

Mr President,

There is no doubt that the High Level Panel under the present Chief of the Council, Honourable Zeid Ra'ad Hussein, would undoubtedly deliver their task expected by the Council and the member States. I, along with my organization, would like to wish the best to the UN:HRC's High Level Panel in the second decade of their responsibilities.

I thank you, Sir.
