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including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by the Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of Torture, 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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Lebanon: torture and gross violations of human rights

It began haunted by the accumulation of waste in Lebanon on August 17, 2015, which moves a group of young men to organize a sit on 19 August 2015 in Riad Solh Square in Beirut to demand the government to address the social and waste issues.

During this popular sit in the arrest of a number of participants on 28/7/2015: Tarek Mallah, Firas Bo Zainuddin, Ehab Yazbek and Bilal Allaw were investigated, which led to an escalation of actions to release them. They were released on 31/7 / 2015.

A group calling it the "Talaat Rihtkm" and others began organizing a sit-in on 22 August 2015 in Riad Solh Square and at the beginning of the protest it was peaceful and then clashes with the internal security forces that threw water and rubber bullets and bombs, tear gas and beatings with sticks demonstrators began.

On 23 August 2015 a renewed clash with security forces during the sit-in with the entry of infiltrators agitators to thwart the first move of its kind in Lebanon.

Led confrontations to fall nearly 402 wounded as a result of acts of violence against demonstrators and there is a serious condition in intensive care at the American University Hospital, a young Muhammad Kassir, who was shot in the head in a sit-August 23 215. The injured from the internal security forces according to a statement issued them arrived to nearly 99 of them. During these two days, about 43 young people were arrested by the security forces and the army. (Most of them were released later)

But on 25 August 2015 and with the continuation of the wave of demonstrations as a result of the government's inability and confusion to got acts ,a number of detainees was tortured and the number of wounded nearly 100 wounded were divided in hospitals and there are those who have been arrested about 87 detainees and the number of missing, and dish drug screening to stick the charges against them in addition to the people of the severity of torture has appointed Ali Yazbeck by security forces and dozens of cases of torture documented with pictures.

The fire on the demonstrators and throwing tear gas and subjected to torture and brutal detention of minors but an abuse of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and all international conventions signed by Lebanon, which guarantees the right to expression and the right to peaceful assembly and prohibits torture.

Khiam Rehabilitation Center for Victims of torture holds the Lebanese government and its security forces responsible for the suppression of the peaceful protest movement and calls on the Human Rights Council to the accountability of the Lebanese government to the torture suffered by protesters and pressure it to comply with the Convention against Torture and respect for human rights in the expression and the right to peaceful assembly and not to impunity for the perpetrators of torture with impunity.