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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 and racial discrimination

Presenter: Awatar Singh Sekhon

Mr President,

The practice of caste system is the root cause of racism in India, although the human race is one said the 10th Guru of the Sikhs Sahib Guru Gobind Singh. The 10th Guru eradicated the racism when he created the 'Khalsa (an Arabic word, means sovereign)' on 30th May, 1699. The institution of the 'Khalsa' was created by taking five people belonging to different five different groups or class of people and administered them *Amrit*, prepared from crystallized sugar, water and reciting religious hymns of the Sikh religion by the Guru. After initiating these five people, the Guru said to them "now you the Khalsa". The Khalsa has no caste, belong to the Sikh religion. The male Khalsa will use the word 'Singh' with their first name and the females use the word 'Kaur'. This will be the identity of the Khalsa, who will strictly adhere to the Sikh tenets. Following the creation of the Khalsa, the Guru requested the Khalsa to make him like what the five Khalsa are. When one of the five Khalsa asked the Guru what price would you pay to join us. Guru replied that he has made supreme sacrifices and keep on doing what the Khalsa will order them, i. e., the supreme sacrifices. Indeed, the Guru sacrificed his whole family for the Khalsa also known as the "Guru Khalsa Panth alias the Sikh nation." Since the creation of Khalsa, the Sikhs have been sacrificing their lives and services to the mankind, including the Human Rights for the Human race.

The followers of Sikhism have been serving the mankind in every continent of the planet of earth or our world. Their prime role had have been to keep peace in the world. The prime examples relating to peace keeping in the World Wars I & II. Unfortunately, the Sikhs became victims of the "Genocide in 1984" in their Holy and historic homeland, Punjab. They had been the "First Sovereign and Secular" Sikh nation of monarch Ranjit Singh's time, 1799 to the 14th March, 1849.

The Sikhs secularization and their belief in oneness of God is evident in their Holy scripture, Guru Granth Sahib, which is the compilation of teachings of Sikh Gurus, Muslim saints, and other saints who believed in the One God, brotherhood and welfare to the mankind.

Mr President,

The Sikhs have never ending faith in the eradicating racism, discrimination, caste system in our world and they respect all other religions.

I would request on behalf of my organization that the racism in our world should be eradicated.

I thank you, Sir.
