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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

### **Written statement\* submitted by World Barua Organization (WBO), 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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## **Caste-affected communities are denied a life in dignity and equality in India**

Caste discrimination involves massive violations of Humanity, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. Caste-affected communities are denied a life in dignity and equality. In India, there have a very high caste distribution system. Thousands of Indian peoples in India are suffering because of this caste system and deprived of basic human rights. Even a small thing kills the lower caste. The Dalit community in India is most affected by caste. Upper caste Hindu strongly hate lower caste Hindu.

My organization would like to draw the attention of this council towards an incident in which a woman was killed over a small matter by three Brahmin men assaulted and killed Shalu, a 30-year-old pregnant woman from the Dalit community, in the Barnia village of Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri district, on 5 October 2020. According to her husband, Manoj Kashyap that by three Brahmin men assaulted him and his wife because he had used a public handpump despite being a member of a backward-caste community. He said that his wife succumbed to her injuries on the spot. Similarly in another incident on 1 January 2021, Jeyasri Kathirvel, a 21-year-old garment-factory worker from Tamil Nadu's Dindigul district, was murdered. Jeyasri, who is Dalit, was working in the district's Kaithayankottai village, at the Natchi Apparel factory unit of Eastman Exports, India's fourth-largest garment-export company. The case did not receive any national media coverage that the reason for the murder could not be revealed. Both cases Police refused to categorise the incident as caste violence.

We strongly urge the United Nations Council that India must immediately stop caste system in their country and also took action to the protection of woman.

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 the situation of human rights defenders and the Special Rapporteurs (SR) on violence against women, its causes and consequences.

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