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including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by "Women and Modern World" Social Charitable Centre, 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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* Issued as received, in the language(s) of submission only.



Indian soldiers are rapists in uniform

Our organization would like to share that Indian armed forces' personnel are rapists in uniform and even women officers of the forces are not safe from their barbarity. In April 2021 a woman pilot of Indian Air Force (IAF) moved the High Court of Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir after facing sexual harassment by a senior officer. She also raised objection to the way the Internal Complaints Committee of the Armed Forces conducted its inquiry. Last year in December, an Indian Army colonel was booked for raping friend's Russian wife in Uttar Pradesh. "The Indian armed forces have no specific provisions pertaining to sexual harassment. Sexual assault victims rarely receive justice within the Indian armed forces".

Indian forces' personnel frequently indulge in inhuman and brutal acts of rape in Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir. It maintained that the Kashmiri women are facing unending ordeal of trauma due to sexual violence at the hands of Indian forces. Indian troops are using rape as a weapon of war in Jammu and Kashmir to humiliate the Kashmiris and suppress their struggle for securing their right to self-determination. 11,236 cases of rape, gang-rape and molestation by Indian forces have been reported since January 1989 till date in Jammu and Kashmir.

There is a culture of sexual harassment of women officers in Indian armed forces and even lady officers are not safe from sexual harassment by morally corrupt seniors. The world community must wake up to contain sexual violence being perpetrated by Indian Army in Jammu and Kashmir.

A sub-inspector at the Kherli police station in Alwar district raped a 26-year-old woman, who wanted to lodge a complaint against her husband. SI Bharat Singh had raped her for three days between March 2 and 4 at a quarter inside the police station.

The everyday violations of human rights by India's security forces give us very limited hopes from India and in this regard my organization would like to draw the attention of human rights council to protect the indigenous people and the fundamental rights and women rights.

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

LE CONSEIL UNIVERSEL DES DROIT DE L'HOMME, NGO(s) without consultative status, also share the views expressed in this statement.