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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 Community Human Rights and Advocacy Centre (CHRAC), 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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## **Right to education**

Christians in India are currently facing serious struggles for their survival. The Hindu extremists campaigns of India, are now targetting Christian-based educational and healthcare facilities, although these institutions have contributed immensely to the indigenous people's welfare in India.

The radical Hindu groups allege that these services are facades for religious conversion, and the Church leaders in India are keeping a watch on such open threats. However, they cannot do much to protect the faith and religious freedom of Indian Christians, except issuing a limited number of political statements. The Hindu right-wing groups target Christians and Muslims in India, terming them as foreign religions. Why does the Indian government fail to check such narratives? Why can't the Indian Christians perform their religious rights as freely as the Hindus do in India?

Hindu nationalists in India often accuse Christians of using force and surreptitious tactics in pursuing religious conversions –which often leads them to storm into Christian villages and to lead so-called “reconversion” ceremonies in which Christians are compelled to perform Hindu rituals.

I would like to ask why India is allowed to sit as a member of this esteemed council, when it cannot safeguard its Christians. The situation in India calls for immediate attention of the international community, and I request the UNHRC to form a Commission of Inquiry to investigate the persecution of Christians in India.

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