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political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

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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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Extrajudicial summary

Human rights are the basic rights that belong to every person in the world, from birth until death. They apply regardless of where you are from, what you believe or how you choose to live your life. These basic rights are based on shared values like dignity, fairness, equality, respect, and independence. My organisation wants to bring council attention to AFSPA and Human Rights Abuse in Northeast India. Northeast India is facing a major challenge of human rights abuse induced by the State and non-State actors. The proliferation of Freedom movements has been the never-ending problem of northeast India since the time of India's Independence. The people of the Northeast want Freedom but the Indian government is suppressing freedom movements and depriving them of basic human rights "FREEDOM". At this time, many freedom movements are active in the northeast. Human rights abuses and suppression of freedom movements by Indian coercive forces in the northeastern region are rising through the immunity granted to Indian security forces under AFSPA 1958. For instance, under section 4 of this Act, any personnel of the Indian Army can shoot to kill, destroy property, search without a warrant and arrest anyone. Innocent villagers are threatened, harassed, raped, and assaulted to death by security forces in the name of counter-insurgency operations. One of the infamous counter-insurgency operations inflicted by state coercive force occurred on 6 December 2021, when 21 Para Special Force killed 13 unarmed innocent civilians in Nagaland's Mon district. The people of Northeast, Human rights activists repeatedly protested to the Indian government to repeal the law but the Indian armed forces are still operating under the very cruel law. Therefore, we urge this council to ask the Indian government to immediately repeal AFSPA 1958 from Northeast India and ensure the provision of human rights to the people of the Northeast.
