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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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Is the United Attempt to Eliminate ISIS Threat Successful?

Seems as if the unanimous attempt to vanish ISIS has not been successful enough and the terrorist group continues to pose a threat not only to the Middle East but the Europe and other parts of the world. As the recruitment of new members to the terror group continues, the attacks carried out by them appear to be countless.

Despite the calls for shutting down the ISIS propaganda machine, recruitment of forces are maintained and people from different walks of life including fighters and doctors are joining the terror group. ISIS recruiters have been successful to radicalize students and civilians who are fascinated with violence, convincing them to unite with the extremists.

The sickening ISIS video of beheading 5 hostages, which shows ISIS new front man along with a very young boy who has joined ISIS shocked the world. The child grandparents are desperately begging the authorities to bring the young child back home.

There are attempts to stop young doctors from travelling to the Syrian Arab Republic. A British delegation, including an imam from London, have visited Sudan to try to dissuade young British doctors from joining (ISIS). At least 17 British doctors travelled from there to the Syrian Arab Republic during 2015 to staff ISIS's hospitals.

Following the Paris attacks, security analysts are coming to the conclusion that that ISIS appears to have the intention and capability to hit European targets in professionally planned attacks. According to them, terror threats will be the new normal for Europe.

In Munich, Germany, Police evacuated two major railway stations on New Year's Eve, because they had received a tipoff from foreign intelligence agencies that a group affiliated to ISIS was intending to attack the stations .

Turkish police detain two suspected suicide bombers who were believed to be plotting to carry out Paris style attack in the capital city's heart during the New Year celebrations .

In Brussels, following the arrest of two suspects by the Federal Prosecutor's Office, the Mayor, Yvane Mayeur canceled the New Year celebrations over what authorities called a "serious threat" of holiday season attack.

Britain is announced to be more of a target for ISIS attacks since David Cameron decided to bomb ISIS positions in the Syrian Arab Republic. The new ISIS front man, who replaced Jihadi John (Mohammad Emvasi) following his being killed in a drone strike appears in the above mentioned sickening video showing the beheadings of five hostages.

Today, ISIS is active in 11 countries in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. In Iraq, in spite of losing much of Ramadi , it still controls Fallujah and Mosul, and has lost little territory in the Syrian Arab Republic. And it has spread even more fear throughout Europe.

It seems as if the world leaders have failed to find workable solutions to one of the most pressing issues of our time, the horrific violence against civilians.

The military solutions have not proved to be successful enough to eliminate ISIS threat.

As a NGO aiming to defend victims of violence, our organization wishes to make few recommendations to the Human Rights Council in order to help re-establishing stability in the Middle east:

We would like to urge the council to support awareness raising projects in the areas where ISIS tries to mobilize young adults, giving the potential recruits enough information about the reality of ISIS Ideology that NO religion advocates.

It is necessary to cut off ISIS funding. For example, countries must be dissuade form getting involved in business with ISIS, buying its oil and providing the terror group with enough financial resources to survive.

We would also like to call on the Human Rights council to persuade Iraq government to create a polity that recognizes Sunni, Shia, Kurdish, Alawite, and Christian interests at the same time.

In our opinion, it would also be helpful if a HRC supported study can interview ISIS defectors, encouraging them to tell their stories, and then publicize the information, so as to help the potential recruits understand that ISIS is not creating an Islamist utopia in the areas it controls, but a hell on earth; it is not protecting Muslims but killing them with brutality.
