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Written statement* submitted by the Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy, 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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As per Vienna Declaration, it is the responsibilities of all member States, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations, to develop and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all, without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

However, Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP), the major leading Hindu nationalist party claims to implement an Anti Conversional Law in India in order to prevent the mass conversion of lower caste Hindu communities. Members of such communities, who can no longer stand the brutal human rights abuses perpetrated against them, are even denied the freedom to convert to other religions, by upper caste extremists hindus.

We request the Council to assist the Indian government with technical assistance, so as to guide them to refrain imposing such types of laws and restriction on minorities. Instead they should be able to manage the issue on scientific and technical basis, through anthropological surveys, rehabilitation efforts and facilitation of smooth transition from one set of beliefs to another as per their free will.

Thank you.
