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Written statement* submitted by Association for Defending Victims of Terrorism, 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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Considerations on the report of Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran

We would like to thank the report of the special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran. We also welcome the recommendation of effective cooperation of the government of Islamic Republic of Iran with thematic mandate holders to facilitate study of different aspects of human rights.

Violation of the civil and human rights and particularly "the Right to Life", as the most fundamental human right recognized by the UN General Assembly, the HRC, and the its special mechanism, is indeed very important. The report, therefore, should have reasonably addressed the violation of the right to life that have claimed the lives of more than 17 thousand innocent Iranian citizens within the last 3 decades who fell victims to the most barbarous terrorist attacks.

To promote further protection for the victims of terrorism and to provide for due exercise of justice, the special Rapporteur is kindly invited to address, among other things, the need for providing appropriate legal assistance and ensuring that legal proceeding is brought against terrorist organizations and their supporters, as well as help establishing an international criminal Justice tribunal that could hear the complaints of the victims of terrors and their descendants on their merits. Such preventive legal exercises could far positively contribute to prevention of the wide spread terrorism around the globe.

As an Iranian civil society and human right association that have suffered the loss of more than 17000 innocent victims of terror, we also suggest that the special Rapporteur, among other measures, also consider adopting appropriate policies and mechanism to make sure that the terrorist organizations and their supporters are denied access to any donations and assistance programs and/or social and political asylum. We are hopeful to learn about such preventive measure in his upcoming report.
