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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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Warning about Spreading Terrorism in the Form of Asylum

Asylum is an international commitment for defending human rights and dignity which is granted on the basis of certain terms and conditions. A person can benefit from it at the discretion or in emergency conditions.

Amnesty International warns against the crisis, which is destroying the international community, and stated that the spread of terrorist acts in the world has caused millions of innocent people to be displaced and they migrated to other countries. The number of the asylum seekers has been unprecedented since the World War II.

Terrorism, on the one hand, is a major cause of this global dilemma, and on the other hand, this is an intolerable problem for the spread of terrorism. This cycle is a serious obstacle to the success of humanitarian programs of countries and international organizations and crisis management. While the asylum-seeking approach strives to ensure security and well-being at international level, criminals and terrorists abuse such humanitarian issues to achieve their sinister aims.

Granting asylum to terrorist perpetrators is in violation of the international laws. Individuals such as the Jordanian "Abu Qatadah " and "Abu Hamza" in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, "Saeed Aref" in France, the Moroccan "Abdul Rahman Boanan" in Finland, "Aaron Munis" in Australia, "Osman Karim" and "Salah Abdul Salam" in Belgium, "Khalid al-Bakrawi" and "Yasin Atar" in Germany, and Mohammed Reza Kolahi in the Netherlands, who are members of al-Qaeda, ISIS and the Mujahedin-e Khalq, are examples of the abuse of asylum by terrorism which paves the way for the spread of terrorist catastrophes in the world.

In order to elaborate the issue and access to justice for the victims of terrorism, Association for Defending Victims of Terrorism calls on the national and international officials and figures to:

1. Define and clarify the boundaries of terrorism and political crime with emphasis on granting asylum,
2. Have more emphasis on the verification mechanisms for granting asylum,
3. Release Mohammad Reza Kolahi's case file, the perpetrator of Hafte Tir bombing and investigate on his background.
