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**SPECIFIC GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS: OTHER VULNERABLE GROUPS
AND INDIVIDUALS**

**Written statement* submitted by the Foundation of Japanese Honorary Debts,
a non-governmental organization on the Roster**

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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* This written statement is issued, unedited, in the language(s) received from the
submitting non-governmental organization(s).

The Foundation of Japanese Homorary Debts of the Netherlands was founded in 1990 after decision of the American government to compensate Japanese-Americans interned in America and Canada during World War II with 20.000 US dollar.

The Foundation looks after the interest of 95,000 registered Dutch citizens imprisoned in concentration camps and other Dutch victims of the Japanese occupation of the Dutch Indies (now Indonesia) and South East-Asia.

The aim of the Foundation is to bring in the open the violation of human rights by the Japanese military and government and acknowledgment of the physical, mental and material damage brought upon the victims.

Last year we celebrated 60 years of capitulation of Japan bringing an end to World War II. This was celebrated in 8 countries simultaneously, 7 Asian countries and the Netherlands. In the Netherlands it was celebrated with 60 days of manifestations in front of the Japanese embassy in the Hague. We commemorated the vicictims who died in concentration camps submitted to sexual and other slavery work, torture or malnutrition.

During the manifestation a story was read by a survivor. Stories never been told, not even to close relatives. Most of the authors were children at the time.

Herewith the essence of some of the heartbreaking stories.

- A 12 year old boy, interned together with his 14 year old brother, had to see how his brother, exhausted by hard labour in the camp and weakened by illness, no medicaments available, died next to him one night after they had gone to sleep hand in hand to confort each other. When he woke up his brothers hand felt cold. He called the docter who ascertained that his brother was dead.

He could not stop crying for a full day he remembers.

The man is in his seventees now but this horrible event followed him all his life.

- 2 little girls 7 and 8 years old were lured in a barn by 2 Japanese soldiers part of the military staff who guarded the concentration camp where they were interned with their families. One of the little girls was forced to satisfy one of the soldiers orally while the other girl was forced to watch. They were ordered, under threat, to come back next day.
- The girls never told the story to anybody. They simply could not, it was too horendous.

There are 60 stories from 60 mostly children at the time.

Every day one or two stories were read, then presented to the Japanese

Ambassador who was asked to send it to the Japanese prime minister Koizumi.

Is the Japanese government really so proud of what they have done, even to children, that they donot even think of excuses and compensation for their wrongdoing?..

If Germany so generously can offer excuses and compensation to victims of the Nazi regime, we wonder why cannot Japan.
They will regain the respect of the world.
