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including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by Platform for Youth Integration and Volunteerism, 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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The Right to Development of the Population in Tripura, India

One of the principles at the heart of the declaration on the Right to Development is 'enabling a national and international environment for development', which supports and determines the realization of all human rights and fundamental freedom for all. The right to development is deeply entwined with the right of people to self-determination, and their right to exercise full sovereignty over all their natural wealth and resources. The right to development, therefore, applies to the entire population of states. My organization wants to bring council attention towards North East Indian state Tripura where the Indian government is looting their natural resources but not providing any benefit to Tripura and its population. Tripura is abundant in mineral resources like oil, natural gas and glass sand. It is also the largest producer of crude oil in India. Despite the exploitation of natural resources by Indian government, it has failed to undertake all necessary measures for promoting the right to development in all its dimensions, be it Jobs, education, healthcare, nutrition, safe drinking water and other essential infrastructure. In Tripura poor infrastructural facilities are one of the serious problems which obstructs the process of right to development. In respect of transportation, communication, loan facilities, power supply, clean water facilities, security etc the rural areas of Tripura are very much backward than the urban areas. Number of households using electricity for domestic lighting seems to be unsatisfactory. Indian government's lack of Interest and poverty is regarded as one of the crucial constraints in the path of right to development in Tripura. 40% of the total population is living below poverty line (BPL) in the state. In the rural areas 50% people are living below poverty line as against 25% in urban areas. There is a vast gap between the BPL rate of rural and urban areas. The factors of high poverty resulting in migration of young and highly skilled laborers, lack of technical jobs and education etc. We urge this council to ask Indian government to work on infrastructure development in Tripura and provide them with their right to development.
