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political, economic, social and cultural rights,
including the right to development**

Written statement* submitted by "ECO-FAWN" (Environment Conservation Organization - Foundation for Afforestation Wild Animals and Nature), 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 in Indian-Administered Jammu and Kashmir

Indian-Administered Jammu and Kashmir could not be said to have been a laggard when it came to human development indicators. However, genuine economic development was elusive as very few industries beyond tourism and hospitality could thrive in the region due to constant disturbances in peace. The steps taken by the Government of India to restore peace in the region have paved way for fresh economic opportunities to develop.

Recognizing the opportunity that this provides, the government of Indian-Administered Jammu and Kashmir has launched the mission youth program which promotes skill development and entrepreneurship among the youth of the region.

Indian-Administered Jammu and Kashmir entrepreneurship development institute and startup India have been organizing workshops which empowered the youth of Indian-Administered Jammu and Kashmir to embark on the other entrepreneurship journeys.

With this, the role of Indian-Administered Jammu and Kashmir in fulfilling goal no. 9 of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals – Industry and Innovation, will increase.
