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**Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil,  
political, economic, social and cultural rights,  
including the right to development**

## **Written statement\* submitted by Organisation pour la Communication en Afrique et de Promotion de la Cooperation Economique Internationale - OCAPROCE Internationale, 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 Human Rights Situation in Sri Lanka**

I like to bring council's utmost attention that the police custody death, torture and extrajudicial killing are on Tamil young people still taking place in North part of Sri Lanka.

-Very recently a young man arrested, tortured and killed at 'Vaddukkottai' police station in Jaffna district.

-In January another young man died soon after he was released from a police station in Jaffna.

-And also this week other young man was severely beaten and broken the leg by two police men on the road while he is riding bicycle at 'Achchuveli' in Jaffna.

Arrests, torture, cruel inhuman and degrading treatments continue currently in areas where Tamils live.

Apart the torture on human; the cattle are also tortured in 'Mayilaththa madu' in Batticaloa the East part of Sri Lanka.

some Government's supporters are cutting legs of cow's and wounding them severely with the sharp sword and knife and also killing them by gunshot, for the acquisition of a pasture land, which is being using by Tamil farmers since long years ago.

This tragedy takes place in the name of protecting archeological sites with fully support of police, military and the Buddhist monks.

The cattle breeders, farmers, the Tamil parliament members and the people of that area carrying out the peaceful protests continuously since more than six months for demanding justice and relevant solutions for the pasture land remain no response.

The Buddhist monk Ampittiya sumana tissa Thero who is known for controversies, along with his supporters making violence and attacking Tamil people in front of military and police for diverting the peaceful protest.

Since Sri Lanka co-sponsored HRC Resolution 30/1 in 2015 on promoting reconciliation, accountability and human rights in Sri Lanka. But it clearly visible that Sri Lanka has to go very long way to fulfill at least 25% of its commitments.

Organisation pour la Communication en Afrique et de Promotion de la Cooperation Economique Internationale - OCAPROCE Internationale urge this council to take this complaint as an alarm against a cruel inhuman act and demanding the prompt action to save the innocent cattle and the people from death.

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