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NGO STATEMENT ON INDIA 'S UPR (item 6)

~~Thank you Mr. President.~~

Mr. President,

The recommendation that India ratify Convention on Enforced Disappearances is very pertinent because in territories under India's control scores of people have disappeared only to reappear in mass graves recently found in Jammu and Kashmir.

The recommendation that India should immediately receive Special Rapporteur on Torture is also relevant in view of incarceration of thousands of people mostly belonging to minority groups on unsubstantiated charges of terrorism.

As mentioned in the outcome report, the issue of impunity is also very important. India must arrest at least all those people who appeared before Tehelka.com's camera to confess their participation in the killings of Muslims in Gujarat massacre in 2002.

On recommendation calls for extending standing invitation to all Special procedures. This is an important recommendation and must be followed up given India's dismal record particularly in the context of situation in Jammu and Kashmir, North East, Muslims and Dalits.

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