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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 the Organization for Defending Victims of
Violence (ODVV), 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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* This written statement is issued, unedited, in the language(s) received from the submitting non-governmental organization(s).

Women's Rights

Almost nine months into 2007 and women's issues in the world continue to remain unsolved. Official and unofficial reports and statistics show an increase in the number of HIV/AIDS victims, domestic violence and trafficking. In a lot of countries such as Kazakhstan and China, women are confronted with a new crisis. More traditional problems such as education for women in Afghanistan still remain.

Being aware of the profit in trafficking, sexual exploitation and cheap labour, international criminals are operating on a wider scale.

Women and girls are increasingly falling victim to trafficking in China, south east Asia, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

A lot of families still do not benefit from healthy living. Women continue to fall victim to domestic violence in places such as Afghanistan. Honour killings continue to make headlines in newspapers in Iran. The figures for these despicable crimes have not dropped.

The Organization for Defending Victims of Violence calls for a global will and determination to eliminate one of the most important concerns for women which is poverty and economic problems and low incomes, so that with further support from society, women can enjoy a more deserving status in today's world.
