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Excellency,

I write to inform you that in the course of its 92nd session, the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination received information concerning the situation of students of Kashmiri origin. The Committee also received information on the situation of African students in India. The Committee has since considered the information under its early warning and urgent action procedure.

The information received by the Committee concerns allegations of attacks taking place throughout the years 2013-2016, against students from Indian-administered Kashmir studying in different colleges and universities in India. The submitting organization alleged that such attacks were part of the growing degree of xenophobia, racial discrimination, and violence against Kashmiri people in India. According to the information, the State party has failed to investigate these attacks and to bring alleged perpetrators to justice.

In addition, the Committee received information alleging that racially-motivated attacks against African students took place in Greater Noida, on 27 March 2017. The attacks resulted in injuries, some allegedly serious, of several African students requiring immediate medical attention. However, according to the information received by the Committee, the police has launched an investigation into only one of the incidents.

The Committee is concerned that these allegations, if verified, could hinder the full enjoyment of rights under the Convention in the State party, in particular the rights enshrined in article 5 a) b), d) vii, viii, e) v, vi, and in article 6.

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In accordance with article 9(1) of the Convention and article 65 of its Rules of Procedure, the Committee requests that the State party submit information on all of the issues and concerns outlined above, by **17 July 2017**.

In particular, it requests that the Government of India provide information on:

- (a) Measures to investigate attacks against Kashmiri students, including steps to bring perpetrators to justice and compensate victims;
- (b) Updated information on the investigations launched in relation to all incidents against African students on 27 March 2017, including court cases and their results;
- (c) Measures to prevent the recurrence of attacks against students belonging to minority groups, including Kashmiri and African students.

Finally, the Committee regrets that the State party has yet to submit its twentieth and twenty-first combined periodic reports that are overdue since 4 January 2010. In this regard, the Committee requests the State party to submit the overdue reports without further delay.

Allow me, Excellency, to reiterate the wish of the Committee to continue to engage in a constructive dialogue with the Government of India, with a view to assisting it to implement the Convention effectively.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair

Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination