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Mr. President

Among other concerns, torture, summary executions and minority rights find mention in the recommendations made for India. These recommendations could productively be implemented if Special Procedures are allowed.

Mr. President.

It will be quite fine that India ratify Convention against Torture, but only can not serve purpose, Special Rapporteur on torture may be given access to India to investigate the complaints pending there since long.

Mr. President

The issue of impunity remains alive in many forms. The recommendations in the outcome report also dealt with it. Those who admitted guilt in the killings of Sikhs in 1984 and massacre of Muslims in 2002 must be brought to justice. This problem is something that the international community must address in a comprehensive manner.

Mr. President

Repealing the existing laws that are contrary to international human rights standards is cornerstone for promotion and protection of human rights. I

I Thank you Mr. President