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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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Climatic changes and their impacts on human rights in the African Horn

The issue of climatic change is one of the most important environment issues locally and internationally for its negative impacts.

Industrial states have a great role in the negative impact on the climatic change through the industrial development and increasing consumption of energy especially oil. The African continent is the main affected area as it suffers from drought as a result of rainfall decrease and the high temperatures especially at the rural areas of the African Horn.

The population of the affected areas will be forced to emigrate from their lands for other areas where they find solutions for these problems which lead to armed conflicts on resources.

According to specialists, the five climatic zones of the Sudan are already affected by the successive climatic changes like decrease of rainfall, drought villages and the emergence of some diseases in large scales and problems of surface flow which have their social, economic and psychological impacts on the population of such areas as many farmers and herdsmen deserted their own lands and headed towards other towns.

Many natural and environment problems took place around and affected resources and led to scarcity in resources and armed conflicts. The hunger zone in Africa has increased and the indicators of development are decreasing; water shortage, food and energy crises led to internal conflicts. The poor became poorer and the agricultural areas were negatively affected and the space ratio increases. So, it is important to let African states share in decision making of the international economic decision especially that decisions affect directly on the African continent and its population. The international community should support the efforts of dealing with the climatic change that led to drought, desertification and water shortage; taking into consideration the status and importance of the development partners and their commitment as partners in development with African states - by availing finance and technology transfer- capacity building and opening markets without ignoring the situation of the people whom suppressed by foreign colonization and those recently got rid of armed conflicts.
