



National Statement, delivered by Mr. Jawad Ali, Minister, during the General Debate Under Item 2
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Mr. Vice President,

We thank the High Commissioner for his oral update.

We share his concerns on the growing challenges posed by increasing geopolitical conflicts, military escalations, technologically advanced methods of warfare, rising inequalities within and among nations, disinformation, climate induced catastrophes and other associated risks.

We agree that racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia continue to plague many societies. Recently, we have seen its unfortunate manifestations in various countries.

Likewise, the malaise of rising religious intolerance and hatred also continues to spread and poses a significant threat to international cooperation, peace and stability.

We echo the High Commissioner's call that effective guardrails must be put in place to regulate digital technologies, making them accessible and closing the digital divides.

Mr. Vice President,

Continued Israeli aggression and brutalities against the besieged Palestinians, with unprecedented impunity, has resulted in a waning trust in the effectiveness of the UN multilateral system.

We also wish to draw the High Commissioner and this Council's attention towards the continued oppression in the internationally recognized disputed territory of Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJ&K).

For over 70 years, India has blatantly disregarded multiple UNSC resolutions and has denied the occupied Kashmiris their legitimate right of self-determination.

We request the High Commissioner and his Office to monitor the situation and present an updated report on the deteriorating human rights situation in IIOJ&K.

Mr. Vice President,

The UN system must do more to address the multifaceted challenges and regain the trust of all peoples, especially of those who are forced to endure foreign occupation for decades.

I thank you!