



**Pakistan's Right of Reply delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary during**  
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Mr. President,

I am using this right of reply to respond to the unwarranted and fallacious comments made by the Indian delegation.

History teaches us a simple lesson, no matter how hard you try to bury the truth, it will resurface, in one form or the other.

I would not delve too much into the baseless falsehoods repeated, once again, by the Indian delegation, but just present a few facts before this Council.

The fact is that the Occupied Jammu and Kashmir will always remain a disputed territory unless the realization of the Kashmiris' right to self-determination.

The fact is that several UNSC resolutions attest to its disputed status.

The fact is that India is an illegal occupier of the disputed territory.

The fact is that, time and again, the UN High Commissioners for Human Rights, UN Special Procedures, civil society organizations and independent media outlets have raised deep concerns over the human rights situation in IIOJ&K.

The fact is that India reneged on its own promises made to the occupied people of IIOJ&K when it unilaterally abrogated the constitutional status and some safeguards accorded to them.

The fact is that defying these UNSC resolutions and the international human rights law only makes India a persistent violator of the international law.

Mr. President,

Let us be clear that unilateral declarations cannot change historical, political and legal realities.

And attempts to deflect attention should not distract this Council.

It is important for the HRC to focus on addressing the continued denial of the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination and all other human rights.



This responsibility flows from the Council's mandate.

Lastly, I would like to remind the Council that the truth may be stretched thin, bruised, and tattered but it cannot forever be subdued by oppression and subjugation.

I thank you!