



**National Statement, delivered Mr. Umair Khalid, Second Secretary, during the  
Interactive Dialogue with the SRSG on or Children and Armed Conflict  
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**Mr. President,**

We thank the Special Representative (SR) for the report, appreciate her work and reiterate our support to her mandate within the overarching context of armed conflict.

We agree with the SR that the world has witnessed increased failure to uphold international humanitarian law and international human rights law around the world, heightened by substantial challenges posed by the cascading crises of pandemic, complex humanitarian emergencies and climate-related crises. This has eroded international protection frameworks and endangered the rights of children in several vulnerable situations.

As we are treading the path towards recovery, we ought to reaffirm our commitment to safeguard safety & wellbeing of children particularly of those living in situations of prolonged armed conflicts.

Failure to act decisively would further undermine human rights of millions of children across the globe who are victims of violence, oppression, conflicts and foreign occupation.

Guaranteeing peace and security and safeguarding international human rights and humanitarian laws in such worrisome situations is a collective responsibility.

**Mr. President,**

We remain deeply concerned by the scale and severity of grave human rights violations committed particularly against children in the Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir and call upon the occupation regime to immediately end the continued grave violations.

**Dear Special Rapporteur,**

We urge you to continue monitoring the human rights situation of children in the Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, as the scale and method of violence against Kashmiri children has caused massive psychological trauma, severe negative impacts on their safety & wellbeing, including their right to attain quality education.

I thank you!