



**Pakistan's Right of Reply delivered by Mr. Danyal Hasnain, Second Secretary during
ID with HCHR's Annual Report
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Madam Vice President,

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

Attempts to deflect attention from the human rights violations in IIOJ&K 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 other human rights violations.

This responsibility flows from the Council's mandate.

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

Occupied Jammu and Kashmir was and will remain a disputed territory unless the realization of the Kashmiris' right to self-determination.

Almost a dozen UNSC resolutions attest to this fact.

Defying these UNSC resolutions for over seven decades only helps India in achieving the dubious distinction of a persistent violator of international law.

Regarding the human rights situation in the occupied territory numerous human rights organizations have repeatedly deplored the blatant violations of human rights.

Notably, the UN High Commissioners for Human Rights and UN Special Procedures have also periodically raised deep concerns over the human rights situation in IIOJ&K.

Therefore, we reiterate that the Indian government must uphold its international human rights obligations towards the people of Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and advise the Indian delegation to shun its tactics to deflect attention.

I thank you!