



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

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Mr. President,

One delegation, today, made some spurious allusions and assertions. This delegation claimed to be sensitive to the valuable time of this Council.

We hope and pray that this delegation may also become sensitive to the lives of its own minorities and to the lives of those it illegally occupies.

In reality, Mr. President, this delegation evades even a conversation on its human rights obligations and does not believe in any meaningful engagement with this Council.

The words of the High Commissioner, earlier this year, communications issued by various SPMHs, and countless commentaries and reports by independent observers and media organizations bear testament to the fact that insularity, polarization and marginalization of minorities has reached alarming levels in this so-called world's largest democracy.

This country should realize that unilateral declarations cannot change internationally recognized historical, political and legal realities.

Domestic legislation and judicial verdicts, from its pliant judiciary, cannot absolve it of its international obligations.

The Occupied Jammu & Kashmir never was and never will be the so-called 'integral part' of India. Occupied Jammu and Kashmir remains the oldest unresolved agenda of the UNSC.

In defying the UNSC resolutions for over seven decades, India has earned the dubious distinction of a persistent violator of international law.

Time and again, its false projections have been exposed domestically and internationally.

These assertions belie the fact that it refuses access to any independent observers into the occupied territory.

The Indian government must uphold its international human rights obligations towards the people of Occupied Jammu and Kashmir and towards its own minorities.

Truth, Mr. President, has this indomitable trait of surfacing, in one form or the other, no matter how hard you try to bury it.

I thank you!