Pakistan's statement by Mr. Muneeb Ahmed, Counsellor, in exercise of the right to reply against India during General Debate under Item 4: "Human rights situations that require the Council's attention"

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Madam Vice President,

Pakistan is exercising its right of reply in response to the Indian delegation's baseless remarks.

Jammu & Kashmir is not, was not and will never be an integral part of India. The only "integral" consideration here is India's brazen disregard for international law and suppression of the right to self-determination of the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

Unable to answer for its record of human rights violations in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir, India seeks to hide behind tired tropes of terrorism and hollow promises of development. We reject both India's attempted deflection and its absurd allegations.

In countering the scourge of terrorism, Pakistan has rendered enormous sacrifices. The international community acknowledges our contributions.

India tries to masquerade as the victim yet boasts publicly about using terrorism as an instrument of policy.

Its serving military officer (IN Cmdr. Kulbushan Jadhav) confessed to orchestrating his Government's support for terrorist groups in Pakistan's Balochistan Province. Earlier this year, an Indian national (Nikhil Gupta) pled guilty in a U.S. court to a murder-for-hire plot at the behest of Indian intelligence. Less than two years ago, in October 2024, Indian diplomats were expelled from a country in North America for being implicated in homicide, intimidation and coercion on their host's soil.

India has no standing whatsoever to hector this Council on terrorism.

On Azad Jammu & Kashmir, India's attempted equivalence is categorically false. Azad Jammu & Kashmir has its own Constitution, legislature, judiciary and political life. There is no resemblance to Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir, where over 900,000 troops and draconian laws have sought to extinguish all human rights and every avenue for accountability or remedy for eight decades.

Madam Vice President,

The *Hindutva* ideology that animates India's conduct operates identically at home and in the territory it occupies.

India's ruling dispensation celebrates the demolition of mosques, the lynching of Muslims and the bulldozing of minority homes amidst rhetoric of domination. UN special procedures have documented this climate of hatred and exclusion.

Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir is not the only example of the results of this State-sanctioned hatred. In Manipur, for over two years, tribal communities have been subjected to systematic violence. The Government's complicity is well documented; as is the absence of meaningful accountability.

Such pursuit of dominance is also the engine of the Indian occupation of Jammu & Kashmir, the suppression of the inalienable rights promised to its people by relevant UN Security Council resolutions and their cultural erasure through settler-colonialism and demographic re-engineering.

The self-proclaimed "world's largest democracy" has become a cautionary tale about the weaponisation of majoritarian exclusion.

India will not stop trying to silence the people of Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir. The question is whether this Council will let it.

I thank you.

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