

National Statement by Third Secretary, Danyal Hasnain during the 4th UPR Review of India (41st Session of UPR) 10 November 2022

Mr. President,

We take note of India's UPR report.

Since the last review, human rights of the Kashmiri people and minorities in India continue to be violated with impunity. These abuses have been widely documented. India's standing invitation to UN Special Procedure Mandate Holders to Kashmir during its previous UPR has never materialized.

We therefore recommend the following:

- 1. Reverse illegal steps taken since 5 August 2019 in occupied J&K and cease demographic engineering.
- Demonstrate its commitment to international law by complying with Article
 of UN Charter and implementing UNSC resolutions on Jammu & Kashmir.
- 3. Accept recommendations made in the OHCHR's Kashmir reports and allow the Office and independent observers access to the occupied territory.
- 4. End all human rights violations and release Kashmiri political prisoners, journalists and human rights defenders.
- 5. Repeal the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), the Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA), National Security Act (NSA), Citizenship (Amendment) Act 2019, and the National Register of Citizens (NRC).
- 6. Prosecute public officials inciting hate crimes
- 7. Ratify the Convention against Torture (CAT)

Thank you, Mr. President