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Statement

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Madam President,

My delegation is taking the floor to respond to the baseless allegations by Indian delegation against our country.

The international community needs no reminding that India thinks terror, spews terror, acts terror and, then tries to create a smoke screen of terrorism to divert global attention from industrial scale human rights abuses.

This is hardly surprising.

Those, who have been fed with the silver spoon of extremist ideologies by fascist organization RSS, can only indulge in intolerance, bigotry and violence.

The ongoing tragic killings and bloodbath in New Delhi, is yet another evidence that in today's intolerant India, secularism, if there was any, is dead.

As reported by the BBC, anti-Muslim riots in New Delhi have quote 'echoes of Gujarat' unquote.

In a country where political leaders either choose to look the other way or orchestrate communal massacres; where peaceful protestors are battered into submission; where worship places of minorities are vandalized; where their properties are looted and burned with impunity and in fact, with full support of the fascist Government; we beg to ask: what is there to celebrate.

Over 250 million minorities are being terrorized by a country that pretends to be the world's largest democracy.

These are clear early signs of ethnic cleansing or more accurately minority cleansing.

Madam President,

A similar reign of terror continues in Indian Occupied Jammu & Kashmir since India's illegal and unilateral actions of 5 August 2019.



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In yesterday's oral update, the High Commissioner has once again spotlighted the continued arbitrary detention, limited to no access to basic facilities and persisting curbs on basic rights and freedoms, all imposed with brute force against the Kashmiri people, by Indian occupation forces.

Indian false claims of normalcy in Occupied Jammu & Kashmir are fallacious. India is as prolific in deceit as it is in perpetrating terror against the Kashmiri people.

In fact, the entire UN human rights machinery, international media and civil society organizations have been regularly exposing these horrible human rights abuses in IOJ&K.

Thus, the human rights situation in occupied Jammu and Kashmir remains an issue of direct and grave concern for the international community. No amount of parroting that it is an internal affair will change this reality.

The imperative of shared human rights values demands that this Council take forward implementation of the High Commissioner's recommendations contained in two reports on Jammu and Kashmir, in particular the establishment of Commission of Inquiry.

We urge the Council and its allied human rights mechanisms to hold India to account for its egregious human rights violations in IOJ&K and for targeting and terrorizing minorities in India.

I thank you.