



Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN Geneva

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Madam President,

My delegation has been constrained to take the floor again and respond to the fallacious statement made by the Indian delegation.

We would not let the Council be misled by their blatant lies misquoting of our leadership particularly our Prime Minister.

We would not like to dignify the baseless Indian polemics and present the following facts:

Fact no.1: Jammu and Kashmir is not an internal matter of India, but a UN recognized international dispute on agenda of the UN Security Council.

Fact no.2: The human rights and humanitarian situation in IOJK remains grave, as widely documented and reported by the UN human rights machinery, international media and civil society organizations.

How can India deny that it has shamelessly imposed the world's longest internet shutdown in Kashmir, which has been called 'a form of collective punishment'?

How can India pull wool over its eyes to pour reports of arbitrary detentions including of minors as young as 09 years old, torture, public beating and molestation of women?

How can India turn a deaf ear to consistent calls for 'unlocking' the situation in Jammu & Kashmir and for restoring basic rights in Kashmir?

Fact no.3: Therefore, the human rights situation in IOJ&K merits Human Rights Council's action-an action impartial to positions of either Pakistan or India but partial to the cause of human rights.

Pakistan, therefore, looks forward to concrete action by the Council and its allied processes and mechanism on IOJ&K on its human rights merit.

I thank you.