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### **Pakistan's Right of Reply against India, delivered by Ms. Fareena Arshad, First Secretary, during Interactive Dialogue on Annual Report by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights at the 44<sup>th</sup> session of Human Rights Council**

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Madam President,

Contempt for and deliberate defiance of international law, norms and principles has long been the defining but less known feature of Indian statecraft.

Deceit, duplicity and deflection are the main instruments of this self-styled largest democracy of the world.

Pakistan will not dignify Indian delegation's rants and insinuations with a response.

We are here to state the facts, which have been well-documented and widely reported by the UN human rights machinery, world parliaments, civil society and global media.

Madam President,

Here are the facts: in the last six years, India has become the world's largest dystopia, where sponsorship of hatred, intolerance and violence against minority and low-caste population is awarded with political laurels; where truth is buried by omitting lynching data from the National Crime Bureau's annual report; and where justice is denied by ceremonial release of the Gujarat pogrom's main culprit Babu Bajarangi.

The fact is that in India, innocent lives of 85 years old Ms. Akbari, 37 years old Mr. Muhammad Zubair and 20 year old Ms. Muskan, who were beaten, lynched and burnt alive during the State-sanctioned Delhi carnage in February this year, do not matter because the instigator of this carnage, the ruling party leader Kapil Mishra, even after lapse of full 04 months, still roams free.

The fact is that in India, 97 percent of lynching of Muslims, Christians and Dalits have occurred after the "Sangh Parivar" came to power in 2014.



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Outside India's sovereign territory in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir, India's aggression against Kashmiri people underwent institutional transformation after 05<sup>th</sup> August 2019, as evidenced by large-scale fake search-and-kill operations; use of live ammunition against unarmed civilians; torture; sexual violence; curbs on civil liberties; and continued illegal detention of hundreds of Kashmiri people – and now altering demography through Domicile Law.

The fact is that India has long employed terrorism to destabilize the region and further its expansionist agenda, under the rubric of "Akhand Bharat". The release of police officer Davinder Singh-the master-mind of false-flag operations-speaks volume about how deep-seated the problem is.

Madam President,

Lessons from history are clear: tolerating or ignoring systematic and grave violations of human rights constitute enabling of ethnic cleansing, genocide, and crimes against humanity. The Genocide Alert has issued a warning, based on clear early signs visible in IOJ&K and in India.

The UN Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, international media and civil society organizations have fully acknowledged that granting the right to self-determination to Kashmiris is essential for putting an end to Indian atrocities being inflicted upon them.

It is incumbent on this Council to hold India accountable, demand an end to its atrocity crimes forthwith and ensure respect for the fundamental civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of the Kashmiris, including the inalienable right to self-determination.

If India is innocent as it claims to be, it should stop parroting its knee-jerk talking point of 'having no locus standi' and invite OHCHR, international civil society and media to IOJ&K for ground-monitoring and reporting of the human rights situation there.

I thank you.