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Pakistan's Right of Reply against India, delivered by Mr. Salman Khalid Chaudhary, Third Secretary, during General Debate under agenda item no. 8 at the 45th session of Human Rights Council

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Madam President,

India cannot escape international scrutiny for its grave human rights crimes, inflicted everyday against Kashmiri people in IOJ&K and its own minorities in India through doctored statement.

Bellicose rhetoric against Pakistan might have won national elections for the ruling party in India, the BJP. But India cannot deceive the international community or mislead the Human Rights Council.

The world has seen how RSS' terror outfits organized the Delhi pogrom with State's full sanction and complicity as Indian authorities destroyed evidence of these abuses by breaking CCTV cameras.

Today, instead of addressing increasing global concerns over the distressing human rights situation in occupied J&K as well as on its sovereign territory in India, Indian delegation once again chose to parrot falsehoods and externalize blames.

Madam President,

The irrefutable fact remains that today's intolerant and fascist Indian government is being led by a life-long member of RSS-a terrorist organization, which was once banned in that country. It was an RSS zealot that assassinated India's father of the nation. Mr. Nathuram Godse the murderer of Mr. Gandhi is a venerated individual in the annals of RSS-BJP.

It should then be no surprise that the present government in India has become the most perverse purveyor of state-sponsored terrorism globally in implementing its neo-fascist Hindutva project.

Three streams of systematic human rights violations are evident in India today:

First, Indian ruling elite is, by design, marginalizing and decimating its minority populations through arbitrarily depriving them of their citizenship and other basic human rights and fundamental freedoms. From Gujarat to Delhi, the world has seen the insane butchery of Indian Muslims through State-organized pogroms, which still await justice.

Second, the Hindutva regime has escalated its reign of terror in occupied J&K since its illegal and unilateral actions of last August. The large-scale arbitrary arrests, public torture, custodial ill-treatment, summary executions, reprisals against Kashmiris ongoing demographic



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engineering and population transfer have exposed India's ugly face before the international community.

Third, India has maimed lives, disrupted economic activities and tried to destabilize its neighbouring countries, including my country, through planning, financing and sponsoring cross-border terrorism. Arrest of its operatives in different parts of the world as well as in Pakistan attests to this fact. India's cross-border terrorism has resulted in loss of thousands of lives and colossal economic loss in my country. India has the dubious distortion to have created a terrorist organization that acquired naval flotillas and pushed its southern neighbouring island country into civil war for decades.

Madam President,

India's statecraft is based on hatred, exclusion and violence that was shaped a country which is neither at peace with itself nor with its neighbouring countries.

We once again advise India to stop indulging in denial and externalizing blame. It is time for it to introspect, reverse course and heal itself before it is too late.

I thank you.