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**STATEMENT BY INDIA**

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**Thank you, Mr. President**

**We welcome the delegation of Pakistan. We recommend the Government of Pakistan following :**

**1. to provide freedom to the people of Pakistan occupied Kashmir by ending its illegal and forcible occupation;**

**2. to dismantle Special Terrorist Zones, safe havens and sanctuaries and take verifiable actions, including on terror financing;**

**3. to bar military courts from trying civilians and allow their monitoring by international observers and human rights organisations;**

**4. to allow due legal processes and judicial review by the High Courts and Supreme Court for cases tried by Military Courts;**

**5. to fulfill international obligations under ICCPR and VCCR, including consular access for foreign nationals without discrimination;**

**6. to end harassment of minorities and place procedural and institutional safeguards to prevent misuse of blasphemy law;**

**7. to end forced conversions and marriages of minorities, including Hindu, Sikh and Christian women, and prosecute all cases;**

**8. to stop targeting political dissidents and legitimate criticism in Sindh, Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa;**

**9. to stop torture, enforced disappearances and unlawful killing, including that of journalists and activists, by its security agencies and prosecute perpetrators;**

**10. to review the educational curriculum, including in Madrassahs, to remove extreme prejudices, religious intolerance and historical distortions;**

**11. to stop sectarian violence, systemic persecution and attacks on Muslim minorities, such as Shias, Ahmadiyas, Ismailia and Hazaras;**

**12. to stop awarding death penalty to juveniles and execution of persons with disabilities.**

**The full statement along with the recommendations is available on UPR Extranet.**

**Thank you.**