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Mr. President,

We welcome the delegation of India.

We appreciate the efforts and campaigns launched by India towards realization of Sustainable Development Goals.

We trust that India’s commitment to inclusivity and protection of human rights for all individuals, including members of minority communities, would only strengthen its status and credibility as the world’s largest secular democracy with diverse cultures.

In this spirit, we recommend India to:

- Take effective measures to prevent, prosecute and remedy discrimination and violence against Muslims and other religious minorities.

- Condemn and address hate speech against Muslims and other minorities.

- Take further action to combat trafficking in persons, including finalizing and implementing the Trafficking in Persons Bill.

- Ensure the right to food to vulnerable sections of the population and continue implementing measures aimed at poverty alleviation, including for women.

Finally, regretting that solid peace and cooperation has not taken root between India and Pakistan even 75 years after their independence; we wish for a fair and lasting peace in Kashmir.

Thank you.