



**Message of Ambassador Munir Akram Permanent  
Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations on the Right  
to Self-Determination Day**

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The Right to Self-Determination Day today is a reminder that the present world order is based on the emancipation of peoples through the free exercise of this Right. It is the suppression of this Right which leads to conflicts and disputes, and egregious violations of human rights, as in Kashmir and Palestine. The international community has a direct and principal responsibility to end the foreign occupation and brutal suppression of the people of Jammu and Kashmir by India and Palestine by Israel.

Despite the Indian government's persistent refusal to honour the UN resolutions and grant Kashmiris their fundamental right to determine their future, the people of occupied Jammu and Kashmir have valiantly resisted the Indian occupation and continue their heroic struggle for self determination and liberation. Durable peace in South Asia cannot be established until the Kashmiri people are enabled to exercise their right to self-determination in accordance with the provisions of the resolutions of the Security Council.

Today, we renew our pledge to maintain our steadfast diplomatic, moral and political support to the just and legitimate freedom struggle of the Kashmiri people.