



**First Secretary Jawad Ajmal, exercising Right of Reply during  
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India continues to perpetrate a factually incorrect position on this forum year after year. Jammu and Kashmir is an internationally recognized disputed territory and not an integral part of India as it is claimed. Repeating a wrong position would not make it acceptable at any point.

The focus of today's debate is on people, and one of the inalienable rights of the people of the crisis, enshrined in the very first article of the Charter, is the right to self-determination. In the case of Kashmiri people, the right to self-determination has been recognized and promised to them by the UN Security Council for over seven decades through its resolutions. For over seven decades, India has prevented the Kashmiris, through force and fraud, from exercising this right and holding the UN supervised plebiscite to enable the Kashmiris to determine their destiny.

India has imprisoned the entire Kashmiri leadership, illegally detained thousands of Kashmiri youth, including women and children, summarily executed young boys, put down protests violently and burnt down entire neighborhoods and villages. India illegally occupied and Indian occupied Jammu & Kashmir remains the most militarized zone in the world, where close to 900,000 security forces have been deployed by India to curb the legitimate struggle of the Kashmiris.

But such measures only serve to intensify the struggle of the people of Jammu & Kashmir for the right to self-determination. Even in the face of worst atrocities as evident from thousands of unknown, unmarked mass graves in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir, the innocent people of Jammu & Kashmir remained firm in their claim for the right to self-determination.

Pakistan will keep exposing Indian brutality and inform international community of Kashmiris' plight.