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Second Right of Reply by India in response to the Statement by Pakistan under the Agenda Item 3 during the 33rd Session of the UN Human Rights Council

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1. Members will recognize the irony of a nation that has established a well earned reputation of being the global epicentre of terrorism holding forth on human rights. We all know that terrorism is the grossest violation of human rights. It surely is the height of hypocrisy for a Government that preaches, practises, encourages and nurtures terrorism to venture into the subject of human rights.
2. In the last two decades, the most wanted terrorists of the world have found succor and sustenance in Pakistan. This tradition unfortunately continues even today, not surprising when its Government employs terrorism as an instrument of state policy. The current disturbances in the Indian state of Jammu & Kashmir have their origins in the death in police action of a self-proclaimed terrorist commander of Hizbul Mujahideen with links to the 'deep state' across the border.
3. Since then, we have seen continuous flow of terrorists trained and armed by our neighbor and convincing proof that they have been tasked with creating incidents that would lead to casualties in the civilian population. There cannot be a more cynical policy that targets the very people for whom such deep concern is professed.
4. The pervasive practice of terrorism is not targeting India alone. Many of our neighbours have suffered as grievously from cross-border terrorism and interference in their internal affairs.
5. In fact, Pakistan is a nation that practises terrorism on its own people. The sufferings of the people of Baluchistan are a telling testimony in this regard. Not coincidentally, this region also serves as a base to conduct terrorism and violate human rights in a neighbouring country.

6. We hope that this august body will take clear cut stance against the egregious violation of human rights through state-sponsored terrorism.

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