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**INDIA STATEMENT**

Mr. Chairman,

We thank you and the Secretariat for the excellent work in convening this year's ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment in a virtual format.

We align with the statement made by the Chair of Group of 77.

Mr. Chairman,

India remains steadfast in support of the global efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been at the forefront of humanitarian assistance and have extended medical assistance including medicines and health personnel to over 120 countries to combat the pandemic and will continue our efforts in this regard.

We have promptly responded to the requests from countries to deploy Rapid Response Teams and have undertaken a number of medical and supply missions across the globe. We have significantly increased production of PPEs and essential medicines in a short time to provide for demands for not just within India but to support humanitarian assistance outside India. We have also taken measures to facilitate access to essential medicines and vaccines.

Mr. Chairman,

While the entire world is engaged in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic in a spirit of solidarity, the Pakistan representative has again indulged in weaving and peddling concocted facts and confabulated theories about the situation in India.

What the Pakistan representative, with his selective memory, has failed to mention is his country's relentless export of terror into India. To assist the infiltration of terrorists into India, Pakistan has rampantly engaged in unprovoked ceasefire violations along the border. They have deliberately targeted Indian security forces and civilians. In the first quarter of 2020 itself, over 1300 unprovoked ceasefire violations by Pakistan has been recorded

and at least 7 Indians have lost their lives. Pakistan has also reactivated terrorist training camps, launch pads for terrorists while its government has sought exemption for asset freeze for UN Security Council designated terrorists.

Pakistan's attempts to portray a situation of humanitarian emergency in any part of India, when none exists, is a sign of desperation motivated by territorial ambitions.

Pakistan's malicious attempts and deceitful propaganda campaign is neither reflective of a matured polity nor that of a responsible state.

The UN membership has never been beguiled by such web of lies and, we are confident it will remain the same.

Mr. Chairman,

To conclude, we wish to reaffirm our longstanding commitment to support UN's humanitarian efforts in complex emergencies, especially at a time when protecting people from dual scourges of armed conflict and pandemic poses unprecedented challenges.

Thank you.