AGENDA ITEM 27
Advancement of Women

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India’s Right of Reply by
Counsellor Mayank Joshi at the
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I am constrained to exercise India’s Right of Reply to a reference made by one country in the afternoon session.

It is ironical that a country that has institutionalized the oppression of women in its society including through medieval draconian laws is making claims about the rights of women in a pluralistic democracy such as India. Pakistan will be well served to seriously examine what ails its women and hampers their advancement.

We completely reject the baseless allegations made by Pakistan about women in the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir. In fact, innocent Indian women have for long suffered due to the persistent terrorist acts perpetrated by proxies of Pakistan.

We are aware of Pakistan’s cynical attempts to pursue diplomacy of hate through lies and deceit. We do not intend to further respond to such misguided and futile efforts.