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Letter dated 26 February 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 26 February 2019 from Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (see annex), drawing attention to the brazen violation by India of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Pakistan when, at approximately 2.54 a.m., 6 to 8 Indian aircraft entered the airspace of Pakistan.

I would like to request you to circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the Security Council in connection with the item entitled “The India-Pakistan question”.

(Signed) Maleeha Lodhi



Annex to the letter dated 26 February 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Letter dated 26 February 2019 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

You will recall that, in my earlier letter this month, I had drawn your attention to the aggravating security situation in our region resulting from Indian belligerence and threats of use of force against Pakistan.

It is with a sense of urgency that I draw your attention to the subsequent developments whereby Indian military aircraft violated the Line of Control, intruding from Muzaffarabad Sector, and hitting the territory of Pakistan, on the morning of 26 February 2019. This is an act of aggression against Pakistan which will have grave implications for regional peace and security.

The ensuing Indian statements, including from official quarters, continue to raise the bogey of “terrorism”, which India routinely uses to divert the attention of the international community from its intensified human rights violations against Kashmiris in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Additionally, the Indian ruling party is also resorting to aggressive actions, making false claims and stoking war hysteria, against Pakistan, to gain political advantage in the forthcoming Indian elections.

The wilful and dangerous aggressive actions by India constitute a clear violation of the United Nations Charter, international law and all norms of inter-state relations. Pakistan reserves the right to take appropriate action in self-defence.

I call upon you and the Security Council to urge India to immediately halt such acts of aggression.

The present letter may be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Makhdoom Shah Mahmood **Qureshi**
