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The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Special Procedures Branch of the Human Rights Council and has the honour to refer to AL IND 8/2019 dated 18 March 2019 sent by the mandates of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, the Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health and the Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment on alleged violations of the right to life in the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir over the last 29 years.

2. Permanent Mission of India would request the Special Procedures Branch of the Human Rights Council to bring the following to the kind attention of the above-mentioned Special Rapporteurs:

- (i) India rejects any reference whether implicit or explicit or any quote by any human rights mechanisms or bodies from the remote report published by the OHCHR on the situation of human rights in Kashmir in June 2018. India rejects the remote report and doubts on its credibility and objectivity. The Report begets the question whether individual prejudices should be allowed to undermine the dignity and standing of the high office. (Copy of response dated 12 June 2018 to OHCHR is enclosed).
- (ii) It was a false and motivated report that effectively was seeking dismemberment of a UN Member State by questioning its territorial integrity. We reject any interference that violates India's sovereignty and territorial integrity. As far as India is concerned, the report is a closed chapter.
- (iii) Terrorism is the grossest violation of human rights. The basic human right i.e. the right to life is being constantly violated by cross border terrorism in the Indian State of Jammu and Kashmir. The heinous terrorist attack on a convoy in Pulwama in February 2019 has only served to underline the criticality of addressing the issue of cross-border terrorism.

3. India takes serious objection to using the already rejected report by the mandate holders that issued the communication AL IND 8/2019 dated 18 March 2019 to raise allegations against India. India, therefore, does not intend to engage further with these mandate holders or any other mandate holders on this issue.

4. The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Special Procedures Branch of the Human Rights Council, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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