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Seventy-fourth year****Letter dated 27 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, addressed to the Secretary-General and copied to the President of the Security Council, from Makhdoom Shah Mahmood Qureshi, the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan, drawing your attention to the deteriorating security situation in our region resulting from the threat of the use of force against Pakistan by India (see annex).

I should like to request you to kindly circulate the present letter and its annex as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Maleeha Lodhi



**Annex to the letter dated 27 February 2019 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

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 Pakistan territory, 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. In addition, 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 Charter of the United Nations, 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 kindly be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Makhdoom Shah Mahmood **Qureshi**

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