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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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The rising tide of populism and communalism in India is threat to regional peace and security

Though Indian society has been polarized on many fronts, but it went skyrocketing after the assuming of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) into power. Over the period of time, the constituency of hate and division anchored deeply in the society. From media to business and the military, BJP slowly and steadily gained control over secular and democratic voices by using various tactics to prolong its rule. Muslims as the biggest minority, a soft target and vulnerable community was blatantly targeted by suppressing their rights. Introduction of both Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and National Register of Citizens (NRC) further marginalized and divided the communities as these measures were inherently discriminatory towards minorities. The attack on religious freedom of minorities is supported, cherished and eulogized by BJP leadership under the garb of nationalism. Latest farmers crises in India has taken a new turn when right wingers labelled farmers “Khalistanis”, an attempt to victimize, harass and pressurize protestors to back out from their legitimate demands.

Situation in Indian Administered Jammu and Kashmir is another mockery of Indian democratic face where after the illegal bifurcation of Indian Administered State of Jammu and Kashmir, curfew, killings, violence, gender harassment and suppressing fundamental rights is new normal. BJP’s nefarious design to keep Kashmiris poor, vulnerable and uneducated can be reflected from its policies of shutting down of all educational institutions in Kashmir, barricading people, maiming and pelleting children and denying internet access and reach. This is an attempt of BJP and Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), a wing of Hindu supremacism, to Hinduise Kashmir which is Muslim majority area. Most recently, BJP in an attempt to deprive people from land is planning a large exodus of people from outskirts of valley by taking their land. On Line of Control (LoC), repeated violations of Indian army targeting civilian population of people living in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, is a serious threat to the regional peace and stability. In an attempt to shift the debate and attention of human rights violation of India in Indian administered Kashmir, it has resorted to unprovoked firing and shelling at LoC detrimental to the regional peace and stability. The design of BJP is a serious threat to ignite uncontrolled fire which can burn the entire region of nuclear powers in ashes.

On Line of Actual Control, India’s China face-off is another manifestation of BJP’s belligerent policies and designs to divert the attention of domestic constituencies from internal issues which is a dangerous. This region hosts a large number of people of the world population with enormous opportunities and possibilities of development. Sadly the policies of BJP led government is not only diminishing any such chance but fuelling hatred, destabilizing regional peace and stability and sponsoring terrorism in neighbouring countries.
