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Letter dated 4 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to a serious incident involving unprovoked artillery bombardment by the Indian army across the Line of Control in Chakoti Sector on 3 May 2000, resulting in the death of at least nine civilians, including three women, and injury to 11 others. Those seriously wounded also included some children.

The Indian troops opened up heavy artillery, mortar and field gunfire in the morning on villages located in Azad Jammu and Kashmir near the Line of Control. The Indian army fired about 300 rounds in two hours.

I would like to request that this letter may be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Shamshad Ahmad

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