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AND COMMONWEALTH RELATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

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Excellency,

I have the honour to draw your attention and the attention of the Security Council to a report which has appeared in the press in India and Pakistan that the Yuvaraja of Jammu and Kashmir issued a proclamation on 30 April 1951 for convoking a constituent assembly in the State. The proclamation contains details of the procedure for convening the assembly and asks that the proposed action "can no longer be delayed without detriment to the future well-being of the State".

2. In this connexion I would invite the attention of the Security Council to my letter dated 14 December 1950, addressed to its President, and the resolution concerning the India-Pakistan question adopted by the Security Council on 30 March 1951 - document S/2017/Rev.1. The preamble of said resolution clearly enunciates the views of the Security Council with regard to the convoking of the constituent assembly in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. Clause 8 of the resolution calls upon the Governments of India and Pakistan to refrain from any action likely to prejudice a just and peaceful settlement of the problem.

3. The Security Council will appreciate that this move by the Government of India and the Yuvarajas Government seeks to nullify the specific provisions of the resolution of 30 March 1951 and is a challenge to the authority of the Security Council. It also runs counter to the declared objective of the Security Council in Kashmir which has been repeatedly affirmed by the Security Council and is embodied in the Agreement contained in the UNCIP resolutions of 13 August 1948 and 5 January 1949, that the accessions of the State of Jammu and Kashmir to India or to Pakistan shall be determined by a free and impartial plebiscite to be held under United Nations auspices.

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4. The Government of Pakistan requests that this development may be brought to the notice of the Security Council for urgent consideration and that the Council may be pleased to take adequate measures to stop the Government of India and the authorities concerned in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, from pursuing a course of action which, besides prejudicing further negotiations for the implementation of the International Agreement, is bound to create an explosive situation charged with grave possibilities effecting the maintenance of international peace.

Accept, Excellency, assurances of my highest consideration.

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Government of Pakistan.