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Mr. Chairman,

I sincerely expect that restructuring of Human rights Commission and changes introduced make the Human Rights council more proactive and effective so that continued struggle to improve the human rights situation around the world could benefit the victims. Despite the end of cold war human rights conditions continue to deteriorate around the world and growing threat of extremism and terrorism have seriously undermined the scope of human rights situation. The war against terrorism appears to be not achieving its objectives since geo-strategic interests of major state continue to play vital role in their politics and major powers have turned blind eyes toward the states that have failed to live root out this threat. These states are still operating under the impunity and instead of addressing the terrorist, extremist threat they are victimizing the political opponents.

Mr. Chairman,

I take this opportunity to invite your attention toward the issue of serious human rights concern involves the lives and future of over 2 million populations living in the Pakistan administered Gilgit Baltistan, known as Northern Areas in Pakistan parleys. The Area comprising of 28,000 sq mile with over two million populations remains unattended and unrepresented for last six decades. The government of Pakistan has shown no little concern or interest in improving the human rights situation in the Area by granting them their basic rights and freedoms. Political activists and leadership continue to express their dissatisfaction with the policies of Pakistan government and protest over the complete denial of their rights. But government of Pakistan instead of changing its practices of discriminating the entire region and empowering the people bent upon to crush this rights campaign in the Area by framing sedition charges, engineering sectarian riots and importing Wabhi extremists from Wazirastan to turn the local population into the minority.

The economic condition is alarmingly poor and serious and lowest in literacy in entire Pakistan. While health, sanitation, education and employment situation is in serious crisis since there are no infrastructure to provide the basic facilities to the residents of the region. People for minor surgery, employment and education have to move to Pakistan cities to get the treatment, livelihood and education.

The government of Pakistan after 60 years of its control has failed to introduce any meaningful representative political system that may help people to find the remedy to their longstanding economic