

"Who can defend torture, disappearances or summary executions in this day and age, Fai asked? The genuine test of how much we care about such abuses is what we do about them, not just what we say about them. And the United Nations, despite all its shortcomings still seems an ideal place to begin with a serious plan of action.

Fai emphasized that real credit for the success, if any, should go to the people of Kashmir, who, against all odds, continue to struggle in a peaceful and non-violent manner for their inalienable rights that were guaranteed to them by both India and Pakistan and endorsed by the United Nations.

Fai appealed to the world powers that for comprehensive and lasting peace in South Asia; and a politically secure and democratic future, the right to self-determination of the people of Jammu & Kashmir be recognized and respected. He added that there must be an early, just and durable resolution to the Kashmir dispute in accordance with the international agreements and the wishes and the aspirations of the people of the State.

Fai reminded the American policy makers that according to President Obama, the United States holds urgent national security and foreign policy interests in a negotiated solution to the 65 year old Kashmir conflict. President Obama said on November 8, 2010 that the resolution of Kashmir issue is, "in the interests of the region, it is in the interest of the two countries involved and it is in the interest of the United States of America." Therefore, we appeal to President Obama and the world powers that an appointment of a special envoy on Kashmir will hasten the process of peace and prosperity in the whole region of South Asia -- home to one-fifth of total human race.

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