

MEMORANDUM

**TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON ITS COMPLETION
OF 50 YEARS OF THE U.N**

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United Nations Organisation has completed fifty years of its existence. Understandably, it is a great occasion for the world body. But the occasion must also serve as a time for retrospection. Is the United Nation Organization justified to rejoice on its 50th anniversary and celebrate its Golden Jubilee? Has it fulfilled the objectives contained in its Charter? Has it enabled its Member states to stand shoulder-to-shoulder and confront issues of grave concern to the mankind, viz poverty, literacy, economic exploitation of the developing countries by the industrially advanced nations, political hegemony of the 'super power' and increasing threats to world security and peace?

Looking at the issues facing the world today, one cannot escape the painful conclusion that there is hardly any reason for the U.N. to rejoice. The U.N. has failed towards its basic obligation of maintaining peace and harmony among the nations and removing the causes of conflict. The Security Council as the supreme custodian of peace in the world has miserably failed in its assigned duty and has gradually been reduced to a status of a hand-maid of the United States of America. It has in fact always suffered from the limitations inherent in its set-up. The exclusive right of "Veto" granted to the "big five" has virtually clipped its wings since its inception. But its failures have been more pronounced of Late when it demonstrated total apathy and inaction in the face of growing conflagration in such hotbeds of conflicts as Kashmir, Bosnia, Palestine, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan, and Chechin only a few that are the direct concern of the Islamic Ummah.

In case of Kashmir, which is a matter of grave concern today not only for Pakistan but to the entire civilized world, the U.N. has failed to take any positive steps for the implementation of its own Resolutions Kashmir is a flash-point of aggression and agony. It is suffering from massive repression unleashed 600,000 strong Indian military and para-military forces, which have been responsible for perpetrating the worst kind of genocide, gang-rapes, arson and plunder on innocent civilians. This has extensively been reported by impartial observers and human rights organizations like the Amnesty International and the Asia Watch. But all this has failed to arouse the conscience of the United Nations and its Secretary General. The august World body and its all organs of peace and security have opted to remain silent and passive spectators.

Similarly in case of Bosnia, the UN should have felt ashamed of its impotence to protect the innocent people from the cruel onslaughts of the Serbs. 'Even those Bosnians whose protection was the direct responsibility -of the UN forces in the areas declared as "Safe Havens" were left to the mercy of the Serb aggressors without even a sense of remorse or compunction. The U. N. has failed to check Serb aggression against a sovereign member but is now playing a role in the division and dismemberment of Bosnia Herzegovina, who was also denied the right to protect itself by acquiring military hard-ware from the outside world and seek cooperation of other" nations to protect its sovereign borders. Palestine remains another festering sore. Israeli aggression has not only gone

unpunished, it is being rewarded in the form of an imposed peace, dividing Palestine into an Israeli super-state and a Palestine fiefdom under its military power.

We, therefore, strongly protest against the UN apathy and incompetence and denounce the role it is willy-nilly for playing as a "henchman" of America. There is no justification for celebrating a golden jubilee when the weak nations of the world have been denied the protection and respect they were expected to enjoy under the U. N. Charter. The only beneficiaries of the U. N. have been the United States of America and Israel. The poor nations of the world, particularly the Muslim world has suffered immensely because of the use of the U. N. as a tool for American and Israeli designs. There is hardly any cause for celebrations. The fear is that the U. N. is fast drifting towards the fate of the League of Nations. As such we would like to warn the august world body that if it does not restructure itself to fulfill the duties enshrined in its Charter, to free itself from the hegemony of the super power and acquire the muscle to ensure the implementation of its Resolutions, its function is doomed.

We also call upon the Pak government lend its weight to this warning by boycotting the UN 50th anniversary celebrations and show solidarity with the oppressed people of the world, particularly of Palestine, Bosnia, Jammu and Kashmir, Chechin, who are at the suffering end of the U. N. apathy.
