

**India's response by Mr. Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Counsellor to
Pakistan's right of reply at the 58th Session of the UN General Assembly
on September 25, 2003**

Mr. President,

With each year in this forum, Pakistan exposes the limitations of its ability to conduct itself in a responsible and forward-looking manner.

2. We regard the UN General Assembly as a forum for offering views and not one for resorting to abuse.

3. Pakistan continues to be the epicentre of terrorism despite its protestations which come easily to a country whose foreign policy has relied traditionally on camouflage and double-speak. The international community is beginning to discover and acknowledge this with the resurgence of Taliban activity in Afghanistan.

4. Pakistan has been making desperate efforts to create political fiction about its anti-terrorist credentials. This is not surprising for a country whose history and policies have been rooted in political fiction.

5. In our experience, Pakistan's combat against international terrorism is based on one per cent intentions and ninety nine per cent pretensions. This ratio needs to be reversed if Pakistan expects us to take its commitment to end cross-border terrorism against India seriously.

6. We would like to remind Pakistan that they cannot hope to pursue the goal of 'enlightened moderation' without demonstrating some sign of moderate enlightenment while dealing with serious issues of peace and stability.

7. As we do not wish to reciprocate Pakistan's diplomacy of abuse and hate, we would not take up further issue with the egregious comments of the representative of Pakistan.

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