

SANSAD NEWS RELEASE ON KASHMIR

Following a showing of Dr. Parvez Hoodbhoy's film, "Kashmir, Pakistan, India: Crossing the Lines of Control" by the South Asian Network for Secularism and Democracy (SANSAD) in Vancouver, BC, on October 24, the audience participated in a discussion and adopted the following resolution to be sent to the Governments of India, Pakistan, and Canada:

"We deplore the enormous suffering inflicted on the people of Kashmir as a result of the conflict over the status of the region following the partition of the South Asian subcontinent in 1947. We note with great sadness the loss of lives this conflict has produced in Pakistan and India and the damage it has caused to the economy and polity of both nations. We urge the Governments of Pakistan and India to negotiate a settlement, recognizing and bringing into partnership the various interests in this diverse region, in order to establish a peace that is just and founded on the principle of mutual respect among a diverse people.

We also urge the Government of Canada to maintain an awareness of the plight of the people of Kashmir, particularly the state of Human Rights in Kashmir, in all its transactions with the Governments of Pakistan and India, and to encourage a peaceful resolution of the conflict."

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