

CHINA OPPOSES UNILATERAL ACTION IN J&K

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China on Friday backed the resolution of the Kashmir issue on the basis of the UN Security Council resolutions as well bilateral agreements between India and Pakistan — a veiled reference to the Shimla accord of 1972.

Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, following talks with his counterpart from Pakistan, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, who had arrived on an “urgent” visit to Beijing in the wake of change of status of the State of Jammu and Kashmir, said that “China will stand up for justice on the Kashmir issue.”

Mr. Wang said that China is “seriously concerned” about the recent escalation of tensions in Kashmir.

“The Kashmir issue is a dispute left from colonial history. It should be properly and peacefully resolved based on the UN charter, relevant UN Security Council resolutions and bilateral agreements,” he said.

Veiled criticism

But in a veiled criticism of India, Mr. Wang said that “China believes that unilateral actions that will complicate the situation should not be taken.” Mr. Qureshi’s unscheduled arrival in Beijing, precedes the visit of External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who arrives in the Chinese capital on August 11 to prepare for an informal summit between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in October.

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