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**ITEM 3:- CLUSTERED ID WITH SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR ON RIGHT
TO EDUCATION AND THE INDEPENDENT EXPERT ON HUMAN
RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY**

(31 May, 2013)

STATEMENT BY INDIA

Mr. Vice President,

We thank the Special Rapporteur on right to education Mr. Kishore Singh and the independent expert on human rights and international solidarity for their respective reports. My delegation would confine our remarks to the report of the Special Rapporteur on right to education.

2. We take positive note of the comprehensive report of the Special Rapporteur and his global overview of justiciability of the right to education. We appreciate that India's initiative to ensure good quality elementary education through the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 finds mention in the report. As the World Bank Education Specialist for India, Sam Carlson has observed, the Act is the first legislation in the world that puts the responsibility of ensuring enrolment, attendance and completion on the Government. The right to education goes beyond free and compulsory education to include quality education for all. Any Indian citizen can approach the Supreme Court in case of violations of his/her fundamental rights and education in India, today, is a fundamental right.

Mr. Vice President,

3. While thanking the SR for the recommendations my delegation would be interested in knowing more on the role of media and Parliamentarians in the promoting justiciability of education as mentioned in his report.
