

# India, Argentina agree to fight terror together

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IN a first of its kind, India and Argentina issued a 'Special Special declaration to Fight Terrorism' soon after bilateral talks between visiting President Mauricio Macri and Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the delegation level discussions on Monday.

"The brutal terrorist attack in Pulwama shows that the time for discussions is over. Now, the whole world unitedly needs to take concrete steps

against terrorism and its supporters. Hesitating to act against terrorists and their anti-humanitarian supporters is also equivalent to promoting terrorism. As members of the G-20 countries, it is also important that we implement the 11-point agenda of 'Hamburg Leaders' Statement' on countering terrorism," the PM said.

"It is important that, we, both the countries are issuing a special declaration against terrorism after our discussions today," said Modi in his address

after the two sides exchanged 10 MoUs.

Macri, the first foreign leader to visit India after the February 14 attack, said he was "very pleased" to be able to fight this scourge. While neither of the leaders nor the special declaration mentioned Pakistan, the document, after asserting "that strong measures should be taken against terrorists, terror organisations, their networks and all those who encourage, support, finance and provide safe haven to terrorists.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Argentina President Mauricio Macri during a joint Press conference at the Hyderabad House in New Delhi on Monday | PTI