

Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations



STATEMENT

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Madam President, distinguished members of the Security Council,

We express our sincere gratitude for the unanimous adoption of this resolution and for your unwavering commitment to peace, stability, and human rights in Afghanistan. We thank the current and former Presidents of the Council for their leadership in facilitating its adoption. This resolution demonstrates the international community's dedication to addressing the dire situation facing our country.

We fully support UNAMA's vital role in Afghanistan. Its presence is imperative for promoting peace, stability, and inclusive governance, particularly in monitoring and reporting on human rights violations, including the deteriorating situation of women and girls, in a transparent and impartial manner.

This resolution rightly acknowledges Afghanistan's multifaceted challenges: a devastating economic crisis, escalating humanitarian needs, rampant human rights violations, and the growing threat of terrorism. It highlights the heartbreaking reality that Afghan women and girls continue to be deprived of their most basic rights to education, employment, and participation in public life.

The Taliban's continued failure and unwillingness to address the situation, engage constructively, and establish a just, inclusive, and representative system of governance has impeded Afghanistan's prospects for peace, stability, and prosperity, leading our country into isolation and poverty.

We strongly support this Council's call for the immediate reversal of all policies that violate the fundamental rights of women and girls. Their empowerment is not only a moral imperative but also critical for sustainable peace and development.

Furthermore, UNAMA and other UN agencies' continued presence in Afghanistan is essential for humanitarian aid delivery, human rights protection, and facilitating dialogue toward an inclusive political settlement. We emphasize the importance of these agencies working with impartiality and transparency to ensure international assistance reaches those most in need throughout Afghanistan.

We thank all international partners for their firm support for Afghan women during the current session of the Commission on the Status of Women and urge continued unity in the international community's principled engagement with Afghanistan.

We appreciate the Council's recognition of the dire economic and humanitarian situation in our country. Strengthening the banking and financial systems and enabling the use of Afghanistan's

Central Bank assets through a legitimate government fully committed to its international obligations are crucial steps toward economic recovery. We call on the international community to increase humanitarian assistance to alleviate the suffering of our people.

We reiterate the need to combat terrorism in all its forms. Sustainable peace and security must remain paramount goals in counter-terrorism efforts. We also acknowledge the importance of addressing the challenges posed by illicit drug cultivation, production, and trafficking, as well as the exploitation of natural resources.

Madam President,

We express our gratitude for the United Nations' long-term commitment to supporting the people of Afghanistan. We emphasize the necessity of UNAMA and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General fully implementing their mandate effectively, transparently, and impartially.

Stabilizing Afghanistan and reintegrating it into the international system requires legitimate, inclusive, and representative governance based on justice, the rule of law, and the will of the Afghan people – governance that responds to the needs of both the Afghan people and the international community. Therefore, after over three years of political stalemate, we urge that initiating and facilitating an inclusive political dialogue remain a priority, alongside other aspects of UNAMA's mandate.

We urge all Member States to sustain their support for the people of Afghanistan and to continue advocating for a future where all Afghans, regardless of gender or ethnicity, can enjoy their rightful freedoms. We call for continued unity and a coherent approach in the international community's principled engagement with Afghanistan.

We look forward to continued constructive engagement with the United Nations and the international community to build a lasting peaceful, stable, and prosperous future for all Afghans.

Thank you, Madam President.