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Statement of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations on the Pakistani Airstrikes in Paktika, Paktia, and Kunar Provinces

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The Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations strongly condemns the Pakistani airstrikes carried out overnight on 28–29 June 2026 in the provinces of Paktika, Paktia, and Kunar. According to preliminary figures released by the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA), at least 28 civilians were killed and 49 others injured, including women and children. We extend our deepest condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and express our sincere wishes for the full and speedy recovery of those injured.

These attacks constitute a serious violation of Afghanistan's territorial integrity and are inconsistent with international law, including the Charter of the United Nations. No security concern can justify military operations that result in civilian casualties or violate the territorial integrity of another State. The protection of civilians must remain paramount under all circumstances.

The people of Afghanistan have endured decades of war, violence, and instability and continue to bear its devastating consequences. The Taliban regime has already inflicted immense suffering on the Afghan people through its oppressive policies, systematic human rights violations, and failure to fulfill its responsibilities. They must not become victims of military confrontation arising from counterterrorism allegations and tensions involving the Taliban and Pakistan. The continued suffering of Afghan civilians is unacceptable and must not be normalized.

At the same time, the Taliban bear direct responsibility for Afghanistan's continued transformation into a permissive environment for UN-designated terrorist groups. Their failure to uphold Afghanistan's international counterterrorism obligations, together with the continued presence and activities of terrorist organizations on Afghan territory—as documented in successive United Nations reports—remains a source of growing national and regional insecurity and has undermined confidence among Afghanistan's neighbors and the broader international community.

These realities do not constitute a justification for unilateral military action that endangers civilian lives or infringes upon Afghanistan's territorial integrity. Counterterrorism efforts must be conducted in full accordance with international law, the Charter of the United Nations, and the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy.

Sustainable and effective counterterrorism requires genuine political will, consistent implementation without distinction, and a legitimate, representative, and accountable government in Afghanistan that is committed to fulfilling its national and international obligations. Lasting regional security cannot be achieved through military escalation alone, but through responsible



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governance, meaningful regional cooperation, good-neighborly relations, non-intervention, and full respect for international law.

The Permanent Mission of Afghanistan calls upon the United Nations and the international community to closely follow these developments, reaffirm the principles of the UN Charter, and insist on respect for Afghanistan's territorial integrity. We further call upon Pakistan to immediately cease all military strikes on Afghan territory and to ensure full accountability for violations of international law. The international community must work urgently to prevent further escalation and ensure the protection of Afghan civilians.

The people of Afghanistan deserve peace, security, respect for their territorial integrity, and the opportunity to live free from terrorism, violence, and fear.