2020 AFGHANISTAN CONFERENCE
Tuesday 24 November 2020
Interprefy & UN Web TV / Room XVII – Palais des Nations

Morning Session
Chaired by:
H.E. Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland
H.E. Mohammad Haneef Atmar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Ms Deborah Lyons, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the UN for Afghanistan

9:00 – 10:00
Opening

Welcome by the United Nations:
➢ H.E. Tatiana Valovaya, Director-General of the United Nations at Geneva

Opening remarks:
➢ H.E. Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland
➢ H.E. Mohammad Haneef Atmar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
➢ H.E. Abdul Hadi Arghandehwal, Minister of Finance of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
➢ H.E. Deborah Lyons, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations
➢ H.E. Josep Borrell Fontelles, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
➢ H.E. Ignazio Cassis, Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation

Keynote addresses:
➢ H.E. Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
➢ H.E. António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations
10:00 – 11:00  Bilateral Statements
Statements by representatives of partner governments and organisations (3 minutes[slot])

11:00 – 11:30  Break

11:30 – 11:45  Readout from the three side events held on Monday 23 November
1) Sustainable peace building
2) Institutional and societal methods for fighting corruption
3) Economic priorities and aid effectiveness

11:45 – 12:00  Afghan Civil Society Joint Statement

12:00 – 13:30  Bilateral Statements

**Afternoon Session**

**Chaired by:**

*H.E. Ville Skinnari*, Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade of Finland

*H.E. Abdul Hadi Arghandehwal*, Minister of Finance of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

*Ms Deborah Lyons*, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Afghanistan

15:00 – 17:30  Bilateral Statements

17:30 – 18:00  Closing and Joint Communiqué

- *H.E. Ville Skinnari*, Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade of Finland
- *H.E. Abdul Hadi Arghandehwal*, Minister of Finance of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- *H.E. Mohammad Haneef Atmar*, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
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18:20 – 19:00  Press Conference (online / Room XVII)
OFFICIAL SIDE EVENTS
Monday 23 November 2020
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10:00 – 12:00
Side event 1:
SUSTAINABLE PEACE BUILDING

Welcome and opening remarks by the co-chairs:
- AFG: H.E. Mohammad Haneef Atmar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- EU: H.E. Janez Lenarčič, European Commissioner for Crisis Management

Keynote addresses:
- AFG: H.E. Rula Ghani, First Lady of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- AFG: H.E. Seyed Sadat Mansoor Naderi, State Minister of Peace of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- UN: Ms Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

Segment A: Safeguarding and strengthening human rights and women’s participation

Opening remarks:
- AFG: Mr Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai, Chief Negotiator, Afghanistan Peace Negotiation Team

Panel discussion:
- UN: Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Executive Director, UN Women
- NO: H.E. Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- SE: H.E. Robert Rydberg, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
- DE: Mrs. Prof. Dr. Claudia Warning, Director General for Asia, Latin America, Southeastern and Central Europe, the Middle East, Civil Society and Churches
AFG: Ms Shaharzad Akbar, Chairperson, Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission
AFG: Dr (Ms) Habiba Sarabi, Afghanistan Peace Negotiation Team
AFG: Ms Fawzia Kofi, Afghanistan Peace Negotiation Team
CSO: Ms Mary Akrami, Executive Director, Afghan Women’s Network

Concluding remarks:
AFG: H.E. (Ms) Hasina Safi, Minister of Women’s Affairs

Segment B: Reintegrating refugees and returnees

Opening remarks:
UN: Mr Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees

Panel discussion:
AFG: H.E. Noor Rahman Akhlaqi, Minister for Refugees and Repatriation
UK: Baroness Liz Sugg, Minister for Sustainable Development, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
WB: Mr Hartwig Schafer, Vice-President South Asia
UN: Mr António Vitorino, Director General, International Organization for Migration
CSO: Ms Charlotte Slente, Secretary General, Danish Refugee Council
Afghan Diaspora Representative: Mr. Farid Zarif

Concluding remarks:
UN: Mr Filippo Grandi, UN High Commissioner for Refugees

Closing remarks by co-chairs:
AFG: H.E. Mohammad Haneef Atmar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
EU: H.E. Janez Lenarčič, European Commissioner for Crisis Management
Side event 2:
INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIETAL METHODS FOR FIGHTING CORRUPTION

Video: “How does Corruption hurt me?”

Introduction and opening remarks:
- **H.E. Ms Alison Blake CMG**, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Afghanistan
- **H.E. Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon**, Minister of State, UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.
- **H.E. Jutta Urpilainen**, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission
- **Ms Deborah Lyons**, Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for Afghanistan

Keynote address:
- **H.E. First Vice-President Amrullah Saleh**

Video: “How do I fight against corruption in my country?”

Panel discussion:
- Moderator: **Ms Romana Schweiger**, UNAMA
- **Ms Lailuma Nasiri**, Afghanistan Justice Organization
- **H.E. Andreas von Brandt**, Ambassador of the European Union to Afghanistan
- **H.E. Farid Hamidi**, Attorney General
- **Ms Heather Marquette**, University of Birmingham & Senior Research Fellow, FCDO
- **H.E. Ghizaal Haress**, Ombudsperson
- **Mr John Brandolino**, Director, Division for Treaty Affairs, UNODC

Concluding remarks:
- **H.E. Ms Alison Blake CMG**, Ambassador of the United Kingdom to Afghanistan

Video: “Why is my future better without corruption?”
16:00 – 18:00

**Side event 3: ECONOMIC PRIORITIES AND AID EFFECTIVENESS**

Moderator:
- **Mr Nazir Kabiri**, Biruni Institute

Keynote speakers:
- **Mr John Barsa**, Acting Deputy Administrator, USAID
- **H.E. Abdul Hadi Arghandehwal**, Minister of Finance of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- **Mrs Kanni Wignaraja**, Assistant Secretary General / Assistant Administrator & Regional Director, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, UNDP

Panellists:
- **Mr Abdullah Al Dardari**, Resident Representative, UNDP Afghanistan
- **Mr Henry Kerali**, Country Representative, World Bank Afghanistan (WB)
- **Mr Jean-Louis Ville**, Acting Director for Asia, Central Asia, Middle East/Gulf and Pacific in DEVCO, EU
- **Mr Ajmal Ahmadi**, Chairman, Da Afghanistan Bank (DAB)
- **Ms Manizha Wafeq**, Chairperson, Afghanistan Women Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AWCCI)
- **Mr Michael Kocher**, Aga Khan Foundation (AKF)

Concluding remarks:
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