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KABUL, 29 AUGUST 2011 - On behalf of the United Nations in Afghanistan I extend my heartfelt greetings to all Afghans as they celebrate Eid-ul-Fitr.

Throughout the holy month of Ramadan the people of Afghanistan have once again deepened the practice of their faith through fasting and reflection on the universal values of peace, harmony and cooperation that are at the heart of the Muslim faith. The United Nations has the deepest respect for Islam which plays a central role in Afghanistan and in many other UN Member States.

Eid-ul-Fitr is a time of personal, family and social renewal as families pray and gather together. This spirit of peace and harmony can help renew national efforts to move towards peace in Afghanistan. I hope all those who continue to fight can draw inspiration from the peace loving people of Afghanistan and take this opportunity to end the conflict.

On behalf of the United Nations in Afghanistan, I wish all Afghans Eid Mubarak.

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