



*Excellencies,
Distinguished guests,
Ladies and gentlemen,*

First of all, I would like to thank to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, to Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany Dr Guido Westerwelle, and Dr Zalmay Rassoul, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, to host this event, and to bring together their counterparts, international partners, regional stakeholders, the United Nations, and other international organizations to the conference.

Having in mind a common goal, to secure, stable and democratic Afghanistan, this is excellent opportunity to take stock where we are after 10 years. We consider that regular exchange of views on the current situation in Afghanistan is very useful for both the international community and the Afghan people.

Regarding the role of Bosnia and Herzegovina in ISAF mission, I would like to point out that Bosnia

and Herzegovina continues to participate actively in the operation with his soldiers and instructors.

By all above-mentioned activities , Bosnia and Herzegovina once more confirms its desire to actively help in establishing peace and security in Afghanistan, through partnership with NATO.

Afghanistan is a case in focus. NATO at the request of the Afghan government and mandated by the UN Security Council has been leading a unique multinational coalition for peace. Our common aim is to help create a stable and peaceful Afghanistan that will never be a safe haven for terrorists.

We believe that in previous period, significant and positive results in Afghanistan were achieved and therefore express the need to continue at the current pace in the future. For the success of ISAF, it is necessary to ensure the continuity and unity of ISAF members.

Afghan training mission has made significant progress. There are now more than 266,000 trained soldiers and police – the biggest growth in the history of Afghan security forces. We are aware of the fact that these activities will not be easy, and we fully support the ongoing transition process taken by Afghan government with

confidence that it will represent good basis for future.

But there is clear link between security and development.

Therefore we endorse efforts made by the international community in the process of increasing Afghan ownership and commitment in areas such as governance, security, rule of law, economic and social growth and development.

Delivery of public services to the population is crucial for support and success.

We see result, but it is time for people of Afganistan to move to the next level.

The next year will be a key for the process of transition which will give the Afgans the leading responsibility in maintaining their own security.

I would like to underline that the internal socio economic development of Afganistan should be based on respect of human rights, protect of civilians and particular women rights in education and employment. The process of political reconciliation and cooperation is crucial for the future of Afganistan.

Bosnia and Herzegovina, as a non-permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, would like to emphasize its strong commitment to the national unity of Afghanistan, as well as its support for all of Afghanistan's efforts aimed at rebuilding the country and achieving sustainable peace and constitutional democracy.

At the end, allow me to point out the fact that we, all together, have the great potential for development of joint defence capabilities and economic sustainability in order to see Afganistan as prosperous state in the future

Thank you for your attention.