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Excellencies,

Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to associate myself with those colleagues, who preceded me in congratulating the Government of Germany for hosting this important meeting, which shows their determined efforts to bring about peace and stability in Afghanistan.

This document, which was produced yesterday under the name "Afghanistan from Transition to the Transformation Decade", is a political commitment for the international community to stay side by side by Afghanistan and its people even after 2014.

Afghanistan will and should not be left alone.

And we commend the efforts by President Hamid Karzai and his Government for their dedicated work to insure peace and stability in Afghanistan.

We all agree on the importance to advance and support the development programs and to alleviate poverty and insure that education for all is very crucial for Afghanistan and its road to stability and prosperity.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We should not segregate any components of Afghanistan's society. It would not be wise to ignore any important group that makes part of Afghanistan's society as if it does not exist.

This is why we should encourage a comprehensive dialogue with everyone in Afghanistan to reach a lasting solution there. This will be the shortest way to a new Afghanistan, which we all would like to see.

Only then, our efforts will lead to peace and stability in Afghanistan.

Thank you for your attention.