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Thank you, Madam President,

I would like to thank all members of the Council for their statements and continued support to the Afghan people.

I wish to congratulate UAE for assuming the Presidency of the UNSC and for convening the briefing on the situation in Afghanistan. Let me also thank SRSB Lyons for her comprehensive briefing and Ms. Mariam Safi for her insightful remarks.

Excellencies,

It has been more than six months since the takeover of Afghanistan by the Taliban and yet, the social, political, and economic situation in Afghanistan remains gravely concerning in the face of growing humanitarian emergency paired with the absence of a functional government to offer basic services to the people. The Taliban caretaker government has not been able to establish an accountable, inclusive, effective, and responsible government and to fulfill their national and international commitments that they made for upholding the fundamental human rights and freedoms of all Afghans, including women, girls, and minorities. This political, economic, and social crisis has created state of uncertainty and dismay for Afghans about their future.

Since the last meeting of the Council, nothing has improved on the ground. There are continued credible reports of human rights violations committed by the Taliban, including, house searches, arbitrary arrests, ill-treatment, enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings of former members of the Government, national army and security forces, ethnic groups, human rights defenders, and media worker. These acts are utterly against all national and international human rights laws and Islamic laws, values, and principles. This dangerous situation has prompted growing migration and displacement of Afghans across the country. These violations must be stopped, and the perpetrators of these heinous acts must be held accountable. The continuation of this situation will further endanger any prospects for ensuring viable peace in Afghanistan including efforts to establish an accountable, inclusive, effective and responsible government that would acquire national legitimacy.

Madam President,

We are grateful to all regional and international partners and donors, including bilaterally and those through the UN agencies, funds and programs as well as national and international Non-Governmental Organizations for life-saving efforts and humanitarian assistance and other activities to support basic human needs in Afghanistan. We appreciate the issuance of a new General License (GL) to expand authorizations for commercial and financial transactions in

Afghanistan, including with its governing institutions. We urge you all to continue your support through funding the UN humanitarian response plan in support of Afghanistan.

I wish to request the council members, the UN, and donors to establish a monitoring and reporting mechanism to ensure transparent, accountable, and effective implementation of any humanitarian assistance projects by NGOs and aid delivery to vulnerable people in Afghanistan.

We firmly believe that in order to have a long-term solution to the current crisis in Afghanistan, we need for a legitimate Afghan government with Afghan ownership and effective governance to restart channeling development aid and resumption of economic development projects in Afghanistan.

This requires the formation of an inclusive, representative, responsible, and accountable government based on integrity, competence, and merit with professional and committed people, including women, with national and international legitimacy. Only convening of an international conference under the auspices of the United Nations with support of OIC, regional and international partners to start negotiations and intra-Afghan dialogue among key Afghan stakeholders and the Taliban to amend the constitution and enable Afghan people to decide about their future based on their votes. This will ensure the protection of the achievements from the last two decades achievements and rescue Afghan people from starvation and poverty.

Here, I would like request you that for any future intra-Afghan dialogue for achieving a political settlement in Afghanistan and inclusivity, please engage with Afghan stakeholders who have credibility, legitimacy and good reputation among Afghans and those who actually represent Afghanistan's national interest.

Madam President,

I would like to reiterate Afghan peoples' call for countering corruption through opening investigations on bank accounts and properties of those former Afghan government high-level officials who were involved in corruption and embezzlement allegations of international aid to the Afghan people. They must be held accountable. I also take this opportunity to call on all Afghan diplomatic Missions to continue their services to Afghan citizens, based on the national interest of Afghanistan and not allow any former government officials to misuse the national resources for personal and political purposes.

As the Council will discuss and adopt the extension of UNAMA mandate, I would like to emphasize the importance of the United Nations' role and the work of UNAMA and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in promoting peace and stability as well as in monitoring and reporting of the human rights crisis in Afghanistan. I further reiterate our full support to the recommendations and implementation of the strategic objectives of the Secretary-General in his latest report, including the long-term extension of the mandate.

In conclusion, I urge you to remain united in your support for Afghanistan and not abandon the Afghan people in these difficult times. I also call on the Taliban to respond to the calls of Afghan people and the international community for the formation of a just, accountable and inclusive government and respect and protect the privacy, safety, security, and fundamental human rights and freedoms of all Afghans, including women, girls, minorities and former security and defense forces. Women's and girls' rights to social, economic and political participation must be ensured and protected. Without full and equal participation of all Afghan citizens there will be no peace, stability and prosperity.