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Mr. President,

Thank you for convening this meeting and for leading the Council's efforts to ensure peace and security globally at this perilous time.

I would like to express our profound appreciation to the United Nations Security Council members for coming together in consensus to renew UNAMA's mandate in Afghanistan. We especially thank the pen-holders: Japan and United Arab Emirates for their great efforts in facilitating and finalizing the draft resolutions adopted today.

This comes at a critical time when the people of Afghanistan face a dire social, political, economic and humanitarian crisis due to the Taliban's failure to address the current crisis, break the impasse and engage constructively to respond to national and international calls for fair, responsible, inclusive system of governance, policies that respect human rights, rightful inclusion of women in all aspects of society and counter-terrorism efforts—all things that they promised to the world and to the people of Afghanistan.

We are pleased that the resolutions adopted today recognize that fact - and that the extremely grave situation facing our people now requires a "renewed and more responsive effort" by the UN; this Council and broader international community for an improvement in the situation, and to help set our country on the path of stability.

We hope the coming months will see "sustained and parallel progress" on all aspects of the UN's mandate: especially in relation to:

- 1- political dialogue that leads to the start of meaningful political process for inclusive and legitimate governance;
- 2- address the grave human rights situation, especially of women and girls;
- 3- And meeting the humanitarian needs of our people.

Allow me to express our appreciation to the SRSB and the UNAMA team for their indefatigable and continued efforts. Despite immense challenges and adverse circumstances, they stayed and delivered essential services to people in need.

Mr. President,

Today - the Security Council also took an important step in supporting “a comprehensive assessment” of overall situation in Afghanistan with recommendations for international community’s integrated and coherent approach - to be conducted in consultation with the people of Afghanistan; other relevant political actors; the region and the international community.

We are grateful to you and to the UAE in particular for putting forward this resolution and for your vital support. This is an important development which reflects a new degree of unity and consensus in the Security Council to ensure a more responsive UN - to address the many challenges on the ground and facing our people.

Looking forward - the best and most effective way to stabilize the situation in Afghanistan - is by ensuring legitimate and inclusive system of governance that is able to respond to and deliver on the needs of our people.

We therefore hope that UN’s focus on political dialogue for a meaningful political process will remain a priority - alongside other important aspects of UNAMA’s mandate.

In closing, I thank all members who spoke today and expressed their support to the people of Afghanistan especially to women and girls. We once again thank all Council members for renewing UNAMA’s mandate - but more importantly - for demonstrating your renewed support to help improve the plight of our people and for real peace in a stable and united Afghanistan.

Thank you.