

In the name of Allah the Almighty

Mr./Ms. President and Esteemed Participants!

First, let me convey to you the sincere greetings and good wishes of the suffering Afghan people.

Sadly, after seven months of Taliban rule in Afghanistan, their commitments to the international community have not only ~~not~~ been implemented, but are being severely restricted. This includes the creation of an inclusive government, the respect for human rights and particularly women's rights, freedom of expression, and the press. You are aware that the level of poverty and unemployment has reached its peak, even forcing people to sell their children. Crimes and kidnappings are on the rise day by day. Taliban's general amnesty was a mere sham as we are all witnessing their extrajudicial killings and persecution of former members of Afghanistan Defense and Security Forces and the young. Freedom of expression, one of the significant gains of the last 20 years made possible by the international community, no longer exists. The majority of local and national media are either blocked or censored with hundreds of female and male journalists having lost their jobs. Women have been deprived of their most basic rights such as education and work and the majority of former government employees have either been fired or have not received their salaries during this period. The Afghan people's privacy is violated, and in certain areas door to door searches continue to be conducted merely based on political motives.

While appreciating the humanitarian assistance of the international community during this period, it is worth noting that, as far as I and my

colleagues are concerned, in most cases these aids are not distributed to the beneficiaries. The migration crisis is still going on. Tens of thousands of Afghans have migrated to neighboring countries during this period, while hundreds of thousands more are still awaiting to leave the country. My colleagues and I are all in contact with the people inside the country and we are closely monitoring the situation.

To address the current situation in Afghanistan, I wish to reiterate again that an inclusive democratic government needs to be formed, including all ethnic groups, eliminating ethnic, linguistic and regional discrimination, and respecting women's rights and freedom of expression. As a result, I ask you and the international community to continue to vigorously support the people of Afghanistan in their pursuit of these goals, as you have done so in the past.

Thank you,