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## Forum for the 21st century

### International Assistance to Afghanistan

#### Statement to the 2nd DRAFT

*The Association of Southeast Asian Nations appreciates mostly the efforts of the Forum for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and would like to express thanks for considering and examining the ASEAN proposals and proposing the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft for Global Security Issue concerning the **Development Aid for Afghanistan**. We fully encourage the attempts to respond to the challenges connected to the current situation in Afghanistan and are willing to participate in discussions leading to proposals of solutions of the status quo. We appreciate the inputs of all the parties involved and hope to reach conclusions and come to common understanding being acceptable for all parties involved.*

In the section proposals:

#### Education:

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> **Educational system** represents very important topic in our problematic. The need for educating the population of this country is not questionable. We are very glad that all previous efforts in this regard were appreciated. As representatives of ASEAN, we are fully supporting idea of signing **specific agreements** that would allow talented Afghan students to receive scholarships at universities in the Southeast Asia, European Union, and in the United State of America. Regarding whether to sign this agreement together or separately, we would suggest leaving the decision upon the Afghan government.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> The possibility of funded teachers' exchanges could be also taken into consideration of the negotiating parties. Reciprocal exchange could benefit all parties as that would allow the possibility of sharing and gaining experience.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> We uphold the statement concerning the special emphasis put on the women education in Afghanistan. As a similar effort is being developed within the Member States of ASEAN, we strongly support the possibility of getting equal opportunities in the field of education for both sexes.

#### Economic Development:



<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> Free Trade Agreements between Afghanistan need to enter into phase of negotiations. Even though we welcome the idea of creating cooperation between ASEAN and Afghanistan, we think it could be seen as hurried from side of Afghanistan.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> ASEAN sees an opportunity for Afghanistan to be one of the discussion partners of ASEAN within a broader or special discussion Forum. As ASEAN is cooperating with different countries in the region and also around the world, there would be a possibility to involve Afghanistan at least as a non-member state, holding a position of observer.

<sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> A **Memorandum on proceedings of the negotiations** for Afghanistan to become a full pledged **member of the WTO** ought to be signed. As there is the accession process already in progress, there should not be any obstacles put, but rather a support given from the negotiating parties.

#### **Internal Security:**

- **We have proposed to further share intelligence** with the ANA and also **share best practices** with the Afghan government concerning the internal security of the country that also affects the civilian stability. We hope our partners would be willing to contribute with similar practices. We believe our multilateral or bilateral agreements will include specification.
- **Specific plan how to tackle Taliban and Al-Qaeda** should be created. **Correlation** of economic development with civilian stability is here clearly seen. We should strongly cooperate with the government of Afghanistan.

#### **Civilian Stability:**

- Concerning the common database of international aid, we see a potential in the future in creating a common database.
- Assuring fair elections, reducing corruptions and respecting human and civil rights of the population could be resolved by involving all parties in this regard.
- We believe that there should be civilian protection secured according to Geneva Conventions 1949.