



## Forum for the 21st century

### International Assistance to Afghanistan

#### Statement to the 2nd DRAFT

##### Proposals:

##### <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> *Education*

It is obvious that education is crucial for the development of the society of Afghanistan. The programs proposed by the EU are very good and appropriate for the current situation in Afghanistan, however the EU should focus only at one basic goal. We recommend joining the “Scholarship Program” together with “Return Program”. It means that the EU should grant the scholarship to students with excellent results however under the condition, that after finishing their studies in Europe they will return to the country and bring the know-how and skills. Therefore it is essential that most of the students awarded with the scholarship should be teaching or medicine students. Regarding to this “Scholarship Program”, the EU should create one special body within the European Commission which would manage and regulate this program and help afghan coordinators to control the scholarship system.

##### <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> *Economic development*

*The Forum* would not recommend to start with bilateral negotiations regarding trade between the EU and Afghanistan. Trade and issues related to the economic output of Afghanistan should be fully covered by the WTO. Therefore, the EU should support Afghanistan’s accession to the WTO and cooperate only in this field. Firstly, it is necessary to solve the issues like drugs distribution in order to improve its economy. Only in fully functioning security system within the country, the economy can improve and open its markets to the entire world in order to liberalize the trade.

##### <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> *Internal security*

The Forum agrees that the internal security is not the issue in which the EU holds the decisive word. Security within the country and security in relations with the rest of the world should be under the head of NATO forces.

##### <sup>35</sup><sub>17</sub> *Civilian stability*



The Forum agrees that the EU could offer help to the afghan society via EUPOL, mainly in fighting against drug distribution and corruption. Second important thing is “International Donor Database”. In order to fight against corruption it is essential to create such database with all the details related to the donor. These two main goals should form the basis of the cooperation between the EU and Afghanistan within the civilian stability.