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to the United Nations  
On behalf of A3 and St. Vincent and the Grenadines  
on the United Nations Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)**

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**Madame President,**

1. I have the honor to make this statement on behalf of the A3+1, namely Kenya, Tunisia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Niger.
2. At the outset of my remarks, I would like to thank SRSG Lyons for her briefing on the latest developments in Afghanistan. The A3+1 would like to reiterate, its support to the SRSG and the dedicated United Nations personnel for the efforts they deploy in assisting the valiant Afghani people in these challenging times their country is going through.
3. I also thank **Ms. Wazhma Frogh**, Founder, Women and Peace Studies Organisation and **Ms. Malala Yousafzai**, Co-founder and Board Chair of the Malala Fund for their contribution to our debate today.

**Madame President,**

4. The A3+1 remains deeply concerned with the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan. Given the urgency and the lack of clarity on how the coming days, months or years will unfold, in particular, with regard to the political and security situations, priority should be given to humanitarian access. It is important that the Taliban guarantees the safety and security of UN personnel and humanitarian staff as well as the freedom of movement for these workers — both men and women, in order to reach populations in need. We take note of the Taliban's expressed intention to cooperate and the ensuring the continuation of the humanitarian assistance.
5. The A3+1 welcome the High-Level Ministerial Humanitarian Conference on Afghanistan to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September in Geneva and hope the meeting will mobilize the necessary resources to assist the people of Afghanistan.
6. The A3+1 recognizes the efforts of neighboring countries in hosting large numbers of Afghan refugees and underscore the need for the international community to support those countries.

**Madame President,**

7. The A3+1 takes note of the announcement of an interim government by the Taliban on the 7<sup>th</sup> of September. However, the A3+1 regrets its lack of inclusivity. We believe the Council must not relent in its demand that the Taliban make sustained efforts to embrace peace, cease links with terrorists' groups and affiliates and engage in a meaningful dialogue with all components of society that will transform Afghanistan to a beacon of peace.

8. For peace to be sustainable and for post conflict reconstruction to be successful, the participation of women, youth and ethnic minorities is essential. It is important to emphasize that the search for peace must include respect for Afghan human rights, particularly those of the above-mentioned groups. Also, their access to education, employment, healthcare, and other services must be guaranteed.

**Madame President,**

9. The Taliban's coming to power has broad implications beyond the borders of Afghanistan. The current situation has neighbors and regional stakeholders fearing instability with possible risk of the export of terrorism. The Council should give due consideration to those legitimate concerns.

10. The A3+1 encourages regional countries to enhance their cooperation in order to create more stable conditions that would promote peaceful settlement in Afghanistan and regional security.

11. Turning to UNAMA mandate renewal, the A3+1 remains committed to supporting sustainable peace, development, and human rights in Afghanistan, and we look forward to engaging constructively during the upcoming negotiations.

12. To conclude **Madame President**, Kenya, Tunisia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines and Niger reaffirm their unwavering solidarity with the people of Afghanistan during these uncertain times and reaffirm our support for their vision for peaceful and progressive country.

**I thank you.**