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The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions on Afghanistan and the relevant statements of its President,

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity, and national unity of Afghanistan,

1. *Condemns* in the strongest terms the deplorable attacks of August 26, 2021, near Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, which were claimed by the Islamic State in Khorasan Province, an entity affiliated with the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (Da'esh), and resulted in deaths and injuries of over 300 civilians and 28 military personnel, and takes note of the Taliban's condemnation of this attack;

2. *Demands* that Afghan territory not be used to threaten or attack any country or to shelter or train terrorists, or to plan or to finance terrorist acts, and reiterates the importance of combating terrorism in Afghanistan, including those individuals and entities designated pursuant to resolution [1267 \(1999\)](#), and notes the Taliban's relevant commitments;

3. *Calls* for strengthened efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan, *calls* on all parties to allow full, safe, and unhindered access for the United Nations, its specialized agencies and implementing partners, and all humanitarian actors engaged in humanitarian relief activity, including with respect to internally displaced persons, to ensure that humanitarian assistance reaches all those in need, *calls* on all donors and international humanitarian actors to provide humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan and major Afghan refugee-hosting countries, and *underlines* that all parties must respect their obligations under international humanitarian law in all circumstances, including those related to the protection of civilians;

4. *Reaffirms* the importance of upholding human rights including those of women, children and minorities, *encourages* all parties to seek an inclusive, negotiated political settlement, with the full, equal and meaningful participation of women, that responds to the desire of Afghans to sustain and build on Afghanistan's gains over the last twenty years in adherence to the rule of law, and *underlines* that all parties must respect their obligations;



5. *Notes* the Taliban statement of August 27, 2021, in which the Taliban committed that Afghans will be able to travel abroad, may leave Afghanistan anytime they want to, and may exit Afghanistan via any border crossing, both air and ground, including at the reopened and secured Kabul airport, with no one preventing them from traveling, *expects* that the Taliban will adhere to these and all other commitments, including regarding the safe, secure, and orderly departure from Afghanistan of Afghans and all foreign nationals;

6. *Takes note* of the dangerous security situation around Hamid Karzai International Airport and expresses concern that intelligence indicates further terrorist attacks may take place in the area, *calls on* the relevant parties to work with international partners to take steps to strengthen security and to prevent further casualties, and *requests* that every effort be made to allow for the rapid and secure reopening of the Kabul airport and its surrounding area;

7. *Decides* to remain seized of the matter.
