



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

27 October 2010

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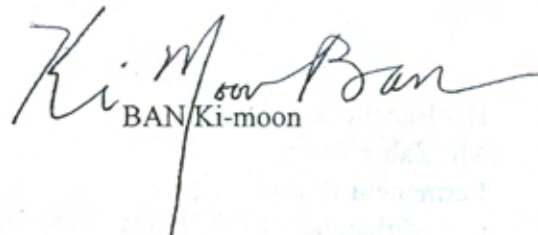
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BAN Ki-moon

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Minister for Foreign Affairs  
of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan  
Kabul

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KIM Won-soo

Special Adviser to the Secretary-General and  
Deputy Chef de Cabinet

His Excellency  
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Permanent Representative  
of Afghanistan to the United Nations  
New York



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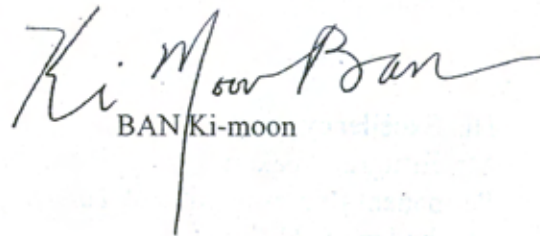
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New York





**Representation of the United Nations Secretary-General at the Fourth  
Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA), to  
be held on 3 November 2010 in Istanbul.**

**Mudiwa Mapuranga to: info**

28/10/2010 09:40 AM

Dear Nora,

Please find hereunder correspondence on the above subject. The original letters have been sent to your mission by mail.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Mudiwa Mapuranga  
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Executive Office of the Secretary-General  
United Nations  
Room NL-3015AB  
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SG letter to Rassoul\_27 Oct 10.pdf

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<b>Date:</b> 27 October 2010	<b>Ref:</b>
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<b>No of pages:</b> 3 (including this one)	
<b>Subject:</b> Representation of the Secretary-General at the Fourth Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA), to be held on 3 November 2010 in Istanbul.	

Please find attached a letter from the Deputy Chef de Cabinet on the above subject.

The original letter has been sent to you by mail.

Thank you.

\* \* \* TRANSMISSION RESULT REPORT (IMMEDIATE TX) ( OCT. 27. 2010 8:38PM ) \* \* \*

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## Inter-Office Pickup Request

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Printed on October 27, 2010



**From:** Mr. Mudiwa MAPURANGA  
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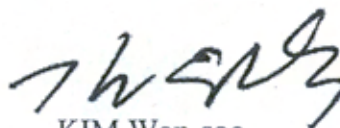
**Note to Mr. de Mistura**

**Fourth Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan**

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Please find attached the relevant correspondence.

Best regards.



KIM Won-soo  
27 October 2010



**Re: For Advice on Representation: Fourth Regional Economic Cooperation Conferenceon Afghanistan (RECCA)\_Istanbul 3 November**

**Sebastien Lawson** to: Valentin Gatzinski

25/10/2010 05:26 PM

Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada, Mauricio Paiz-Merino, Mudiwa Mapuranga, "Scott Smith", Richard Amdur, Ruxandra Ferascu

Thank you all. We take it that there will be no Representative from UNHQ (as the organizers had wished) and that SRSg de Mistura will be the Representative of the Secretary-General.

We will update the draft provided by DPKO accordingly (attached for ease of reference).



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Valentin Gatzinski

Dear Mudiwa, Mau, I am jumping in on assumpti...

25/10/2010 04:54:52 PM

From: Valentin Gatzinski/United Nations@UNHQ-DPKO  
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Cc: Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO@UNHQ, Sebastien Lawson/NY/UNO@UNHQ, "Scott Smith" <smith37@un.org>  
Date: 25/10/2010 04:54 PM  
Subject: Re: For Advice on Representation: Fourth Regional Economic Cooperation Conferenceon Afghanistan (RECCA)\_Istanbul 3 November

Dear Mudiwa, Mau,

I am jumping in on assumption that I have the latest on this. In a phone call Friday evening, DSRSG Kobler advised that SRSg de Mistura now intends to attend himself accompanied by Kobler and a PAO; Scott Smith is traveling from HQ.

The disclaimer on exigency remains (Herat happened after I talked to Martin; SdM is currently on a visit to Pakistan)

Mudiwa Mapuranga

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Mudiwa Mapuranga  
**Sent:** 10/25/2010 04:39 PM EDT  
**To:** Mauricio Paiz-Merino  
**Cc:** Valentin Gatzinski; Alexandra Barahona Posada/NY/UNO@UNHQ; Sebastien Lawson/NY/UNO@UNHQ  
**Subject:** Re: For Advice on Representation: Fourth Regional Economic Cooperation Conferenceon Afghanistan (RECCA)\_Istanbul 3 November  
Greetings Mr. Mauricio,



Just a gentle follow-up on the thread below to see if a rep. has been designated.

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Alexandra Barahona Posada	Thank you Mauricio -- we will await fur...	11/10/2010 11:50:34 AM
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Re: (CORRECTION ON DEADLINE) For Advice on Representation: Fourth  
Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan  
(RECCA)\_Istanbul 3 November 

Alexandra Barahona Posada to: Alexandra Barahona Posada

06/10/2010 08:58 PM

Cc: Mauricio Paiz-Merino, Mudiwa Mapuranga, Richard Amdur,  
Ruxandra Ferascu, Sebastien Lawson

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apologize the deadline should read -- 12 October not 12 November

Thank you

Alexandra Barahona Posada Dear Mauricio, The Secretary-Gener...

06/10/2010 08:57:19 PM

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Subject: For Advice on Representation: Fourth Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan  
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Dear Mauricio,

The Secretary-General will not be able to participate in the above Conference (I attach the invitation for ease of reference). During Mr. Nambiar's meeting yesterday with the PRs of Turkey and Afghanistan he suggested that Mr. Le Roy represent the Secretary-General at this Conference. As such we would be grateful to receive from DPKO:

- (1) Confirmation on Mr. Le Roy's availability to represent the SG at this event
- (2) Draft replies to the MFA of Afghanistan and Turkey for the review and signature of the Secretary-General
- (3) Draft inputs for a message from the SG to be sent to this event -- for this I am copying my colleagues in the speechwriting unit, kindly continue to liaise with them directly in relation to this item.

I would be most grateful to receive the items 1 and 2 above by latest 12 November 2010.

Best,  
Alex



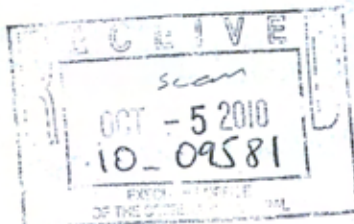
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REPUBLIC OF TURKEY  
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02/09/2010

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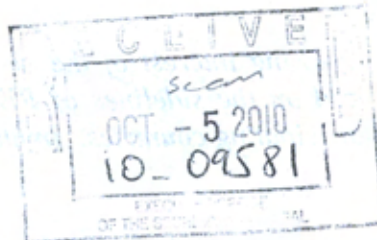
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**United Nations**



*In the margin of the Conference, a Business Forum will take place and the private sector representatives from all the participating countries will be invited. We wish to see that the private sector representatives of the participating countries focus on concrete projects in the region.*

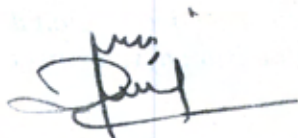
*Furthermore, due to the growing interest of the academic circles in the region, an Academic Forum will be organized on the sidelines of RECCA which will be attended by selected academicians from all participating countries. Invitations to that event will be issued in due course.*

*In order to further develop the regional approach in support of the overall efforts in Afghanistan and to carry forward the progress achieved so far as reflected by the Kabul, the New Delhi and the Islamabad Declarations, as well as the Istanbul Statement, Your participation in this Conference will be highly appreciated.*

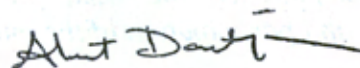
*In the enclosure, you will find a background paper to lay the foundation for a focused discussion at the meeting.*

*Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.*

*Encl: Background paper*



**Dr. Zalmay Rassoul**  
**Minister of Foreign Affairs**  
**Islamic Republic of Afghanistan**



**Ahmet Davutoğlu**  
**Minister of Foreign Affairs**  
**Republic of Turkey**



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# **RECCA IV**

## **Fourth Regional Economic Cooperation Conference**

### **on**

## **Afghanistan**

**( 2-3 November 2010, ISTANBUL )**

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### **Administrative Arrangements**

**RECCA IV**  
**Fourth Regional Economic Cooperation Conference**  
**on Afghanistan**  
( 2-3 November 2010, ISTANBUL )

- The Fourth Regional Economic Cooperation Conference On Afghanistan (RECCA IV) will be held on 2-3 November 2010 in Istanbul.
- **Conference Venue:** Meetings of RECCA IV will be held at the Istanbul Ceylan Intercontinental and Conrad Hotels as mentioned below:

**DAY ONE:**

- Senior Officials Meeting, Working Group III (Trade, Transit, Cross-border Cooperation) and Working Group IV (Human Resources Development) Meetings will begin at 10.00 on 02 November 2010 at the Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel.
- Working Group I (Infrastructure) and Working Group II (Economic Development) Meetings will begin at 10.00 on 02 November 2010 at the Conrad Hotel.
- Buffet lunch will be served at Ceylan Intercontinental and Conrad Hotels.
- Working language of the first day will be English.
- A Business Forum and an Academic Forum, both being non-governmental events, will be held in parallel to RECCA IV on 2 November 2010. Therefore, their administrative arrangements will be executed separately and the related institutions will be informed in due time.

**DAY TWO / MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE :**

- **The Plenary Session** will begin at Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel at 10:00. Simultaneous translation will be provided in English, Russian, Arabic and Turkish. Limited number of booths may be provided for those delegations which would like to have their own translators.
- A luncheon will be arranged for the Heads of Delegations.
- Buffet lunch for other members of the delegations will be served at the Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel
- A Press Conference will be held at the end of the Plenary Session by the Afghan and Turkish Co-Chairs of the Conference.

**Secretariat Contact Point:** The lists and accreditation forms (attached herewith) of the Delegations should be sent not later than 20 October 2010 to +90-312-287 59 14 by fax and [murat.muhamiroglu@mfa.gov.tr](mailto:murat.muhamiroglu@mfa.gov.tr) or [serkan.ozdemir@mfa.gov.tr](mailto:serkan.ozdemir@mfa.gov.tr) by e-mail.



The phone numbers of the Secretariat Contact Points: + 90 312 292 18 08 and +90 312 292 17 65

- The Participating Countries are advised to appoint a Contact Point Officer in their Embassies in Ankara for coordination with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.
- The participating delegations will cover their international and local travel and accommodation expenses. Transportation between airport and hotels will be arranged by the host country.
- Delegations are advised to note the deadlines for hotel reservations as mentioned in pages 4 and 5.
- **Arrivals and Departures:** The Participating Countries and International Organizations should provide information concerning the arrivals and departures of the delegations, indicating whether it is a private flight or commercial flight to the Secretariat Contact Point not later than 20 October 2010.

For private flights, resident Embassies in Turkey should contact the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey.

Delegations will be met at Istanbul Atatürk Airport, VIP Lounge.

**Transportation** of the Delegations between the airport and the hotels at their arrival and departure will be provided by the host country. Ministers and Secretary General (International Organizations) will be provided with a VIP car.

- **Vehicle Cards:** In case the resident Embassies of the Participating Countries would like to bring extra cars in addition to the one VIP car provided by the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, additional vehicle cards for access to the restricted areas will be issued. For that purpose, delegations are required to fill in the "Additional Vehicle Demand Form" attached and convey it to the Secretariat not later than 20 October 2010.
- **Security:** No security officer will be allowed in the Conference Hall and lunch venues. The lists of the Security Personnel accompanying Official Delegations and information concerning the types, calibers and serial numbers of their side arms, the amount of ammunition, types and frequencies of the communication equipment should be forwarded to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs not later than 20 October 2010. The Security Personnel and Communication Equipment Form is attached to this note.
- **Seating Arrangement** of the Conference will be done according to the names of the countries in English alphabetical order. For the Ministerial Conference, 4 chairs will be allocated behind the seat of each Head of Delegation.
- **Bilateral Meetings:** Logistical assistance will be provided for the Heads of Delegations for their bilateral meetings at the Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel.
- **Identification Badges:**
  - **PIN:** Pin for Heads of Delegations.
  - **BLUE BADGE:** Blue badges for members of delegations.
  - **RED BADGE:** On Day Two / Ministerial Meeting, 4 Red Badges allowing access to the Conference Hall for each delegation. Should be used with the Blue Badge.
  - **GREEN BADGE:** For security officers. Access to all locations except the Conference Hall and lunch venues.



- **GREEN BADGE WITH A BLACK STRIPE** (only one per delegation): For the security officer who is authorized to carry a gun. Access to all locations except the Conference Hall and lunch venues.
  - **YELLOW BADGE:** For members of the press.
- The badges and documentation holders will be available upon registration from the Secretariat of the Conference at the Istanbul Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel starting from 1 November 2010.
  - **Medical Assistance:** During the Conference there will be a medical assistance team at the Conference venue (Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel). The blood group and special diets, if any, of the Heads of Delegations should be provided to the Secretariat Contact Point beforehand.

#### **Recommended Hotels:**

In order to benefit from the following special rates which include bed & breakfast and Value Added Tax, please mention the conference name (RECCA IV) while you are booking.

#### **Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel 5\***

- Dates: 1 – 4 November 2010
- Special Room Rates per night:
  - Suite : 1782 €
  - Club Single Room: 485 €
  - Club Double Room: 505 €
  - Deluxe Single Room: 460 €
  - Deluxe Double Room: 480 €
  - Standard Single Room: 378 €
  - Standard Double Room: 400 €
- Tentative Deadline for Special Rates: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010
- Contact : Volkan Karce ( [volkan\\_karce@interconti.com.tr](mailto:volkan_karce@interconti.com.tr) )  
Elif Ocakcioglu ( [elif\\_ocakcioglu@interconti.com.tr](mailto:elif_ocakcioglu@interconti.com.tr) )  
Phone : 90 212 368 44 44  
<http://istanbul.intercontinental.com.tr>

#### **Conrad Hotel 5\***

- Dates: 1 – 4 November 2010
- Special Room rates per night:
  - Executive Suite : 1026 €
  - Business Suite : 864 €
  - Executive Room Bosphorus View: 410 €
  - Executive Room City View: 367 €
  - Business Room Bosphorus View: 383 €
  - Business Room City View: 340 €
  - Standard Room Bosphorus View: 345 €
  - Standard Room City View: 302 €
- Tentative Deadline for Special Rates: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010
- Contact : Ferah Yagan ( [Ferah.Yagan@conradhotels.com](mailto:Ferah.Yagan@conradhotels.com) )  
Phone : 90-212-310-2525  
<http://Conrad.Hilton.com/Istanbul>

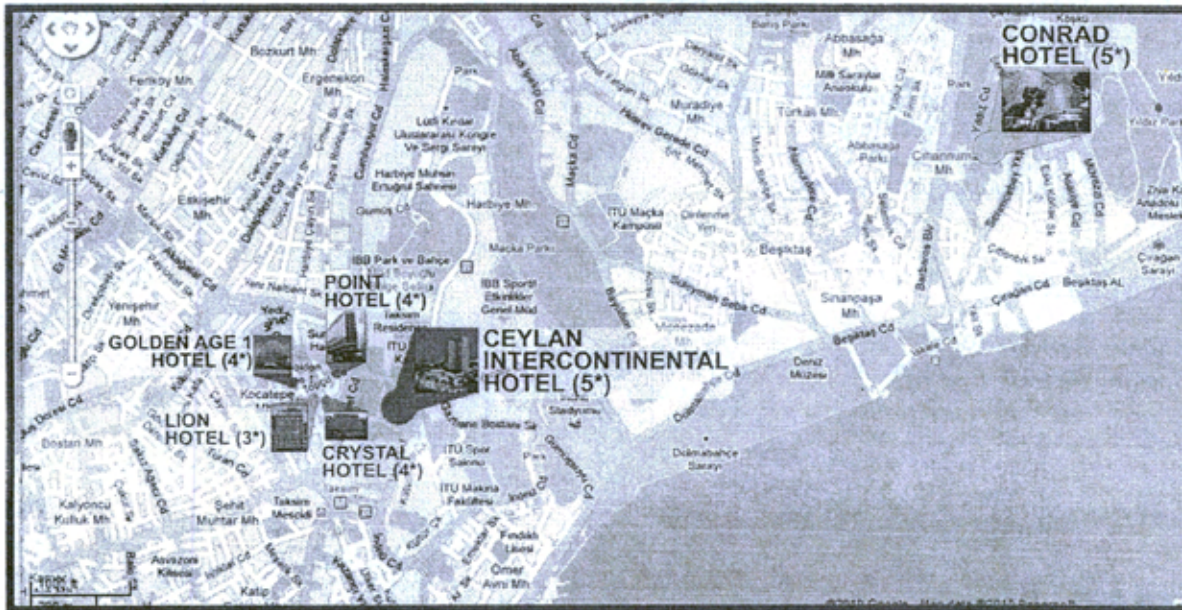
#### **Point Hotel 4\***

- Dates: 1 – 4 November 2010
- Special Room Rates per night :
 

Single Room : 155 €
Double Room : 170 €







- **Press Accreditation:**
  - Media members who wish to cover the events are required to accredit themselves through the web page ([www.byegm.gov.tr](http://www.byegm.gov.tr)) of the Directorate General for Press and Information of the Prime Ministry of the Republic of Turkey. Deadline for applications is **15 October 2010**.
  - Media services will be provided only to the holders of Press Accreditation Cards. Therefore, media members, including official photographers and official cameramen, are kindly advised to complete their accreditation as Press Members.
  - An Accreditation Office shall be opened at the Conrad Hotel, from **28 October 2010** onwards for the distribution of the Press Accreditation Cards.
- **Press Center:** During the Conference there will be a Press Center at Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel for communication, documentation and press information services.
- **Broadcasting and Filming Services:** The Turkish Radio and Television Corporation (TRT) is the Official Broadcaster and Anatolian News Agency is the Official Filming Service Provider of the events. TRT shall broadcast free of charge via satellite the sections of the events which are open to media. Photos of the events will be also be shared free of charge via a web site. Satellite frequencies of the broadcasting service and web site details for the filming service will be shared with the accredited media members at the Press Center on the day of the events.



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The attached forms should be sent to the Secretariat Contact Points at the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs until 20 October 2010

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## DELEGATION

### CONTACT POINT

Name : .....

Country/International organization : .....

Phone : .....

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Mobile phone : .....

Date : .....

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Title (*)	Name	Family Name	Function	Arrival Date & Time	Departure Date & Time	Type of requested ID Badge


## LIST OF DELEGATION

Please indicate in protocol order.

\*Ex: Mr / Mrs / Dr. /

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## ADDITIONAL VEHICLE DEMAND FORM

In case the resident Embassies of the Participating Countries would like to bring extra cars in addition to the VIP car provided by the host country, additional vehicle cards having access to the restricted areas and to the motorcade will be issued.

Please indicate the information concerning the vehicles.

Name and Family name of the allocated person.	Name and Family name of the driver	Registration Plate of the vehicle*	Type-Model and year of the vehicle	Color of the vehicle




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**FORM**

Please indicate the passport information and the details of the side arms of the security personnel.

Name	Family Name	Protected Dignitary	Arrival Date & Time	Departure Date & Time	Passport No./ Place of Issue/ Date/:Expiration Date : Blood Group . <b>Passport &amp; other informations</b> Serial Number Calibre Number of Bullet
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- a) If there will be security communication equipment please specify.
- b) Please indicate the name of the Security Officer, in case there will be one, who will be authorized to carry a gun with access to all locations except the Conference Hall and the lunch venue (Green Badge with Black Stripe)

**Draft Programme**  
**The Fourth Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA IV)**  
**2- 3 November 2010, Istanbul**

**1 November 2010, Monday**

Arrival of delegations

**2 November 2010, Tuesday**

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| 10:00 | Senior Officials Meeting (Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel )<br>Working Group Meetings on:<br>(1) Infrastructure (Energy+Transport+Mining) ( Conrad Hotel)<br>(2) Economic Development ( Agriculture +SMEs+Labor Migration)<br>(Conrad Hotel)<br>(3) Trade, Transit and Cross-border Cooperation<br>(Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel)<br>(4) Human Resources Development (Education and Vocational Training)<br>(Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel) |
| 12:30 | Buffet Lunch ( Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel and Conrad Hotel)   |
| 14:00 | Afternoon Session  |
| 19:00 | Buffet Dinner (Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel)  |

**3 November 2010, Wednesday**

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| 10:00 | Plenary Session of the Ministerial Conference<br>(Ceylan Intercontinental Hotel )<br>Opening Statement by the President of the Republic of Turkey<br>Keynote Address by the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan<br>Statements by the Ministers of Afghanistan and Turkey<br>Presentation: Progress Review of the Islamabad Declaration<br>Presentation: Status of Regional Developments & Economic Cooperation |
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- 11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:30 Statements by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Secretary Generals of  
International Organizations ( 3 minutes each)  
Statements by the Heads of Delegations (3 minutes each)
- 12:45 Presentations of Recommendations by Working Groups, Business Forum and  
Academic Forum
- 13:30 Lunch hosted by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Turkey and Afghanistan
- 15:00 Discussions on the recommendations  
Discussions on the final draft of the Istanbul Declaration
- 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:15 -17:00 Concluding session and adoption of the Istanbul Declaration
- 17:30 - 18:00 Press Conference

## **REGIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION CONFERENCE ON AFGHANISTAN (RECCA IV)**

### **Introduction**

The Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan, RECCA is the only regional forum that puts cooperation with Afghanistan at its centre. It is a process rather than an event, aimed to promote economic cooperation between Afghanistan, regional neighbors, international partners and financial institutions. RECCA provides the opportunity for 26 nations and several regional and international organizations to come together to assess progress on regional economic cooperation initiatives and agree a set of projects, programs and initiatives for delivery. The first RECCA was in Kabul in 2005. It was followed by RECCA II (Delhi, 2006) and RECCA III (Islamabad, 2009). RECCA IV will be hosted by the Republic of Turkey, on 2-3 November 2010.

### **Background**

Regional economic cooperation is now considered the main driving force for individual countries to participate and integrate in the global economy. The Government of Afghanistan attaches significant importance to regional economic cooperation, as the key Afghan enabler for: increasing prosperity; improving the welfare of the people; enhancing the confidence and understanding between governments; and building peace and stability in the region. Economic Cooperation generates income and improves service delivery to millions of people in our region.

After decades of instability, Afghanistan has an opportunity to realize its potential as a central hub and "land bridge" between Central Asia, South Asia and the Middle-Eastern region. Peace and prosperity in this strategically important country has the potential to provide economic opportunities for Afghanistan and



its neighbors. Afghanistan wants its regional and international partners to have a stake in that, share in the benefits of its centrality, and increase regional prosperity and cooperation.

Over the past decade, regional and international partners have confirmed and supported regional cooperation through agreements such as *The Good Neighborly Relations Declaration* of 2002, *The Tokyo Declaration* of 2002, *The Dubai Declaration* of 2003, *The Berlin Agreement* 2003, *The Bishkek Conference Communiqué* of 2004, *The Kabul Declaration* of 2005 (RECCA I), *The Delhi Declaration* of 2006 (RECCA II), and *The Islamabad Declaration* of 2009 (RECCA III), *the Paris Declaration* of 2008, *The Istanbul Statement* of 2010 and Most recently, *The London Conference* of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and *The Kabul Conference* of 20<sup>th</sup> July 2010 highlighted the efforts made by Afghanistan and its regional and international partners to strengthen regional cooperation, emphasizing the need for greater economic cooperation, with clear milestones set for progress in the areas of trade, transit, infrastructure, energy, labor migration and border management.

*The Afghanistan Compact*, 2006 and the *Afghanistan National Development Strategy*, 2008-13 illustrated the importance of regional economic cooperation as one of the main priorities of the Afghan government, and the benefits of integration for the prosperity of the region. While some progress is being made we recognize that more needs to be done in a shorter timeframe if we are to reach our *Afghan National Development Strategy* goals by 2013. We want RECCA to be in tune with reaching those goals.

## **RECCA Outcomes**

In the coming weeks, the Government of Afghanistan will report locally to RECCA members on progress made since the *Islamabad Declaration*, 2009.

At the *Kabul Conference*, participants agreed to support the Government of Afghanistan to present concrete programs at RECCA IV in the following areas:

- i. sustainable natural resource development and management;
- ii. intra-regional investment in the extraction industries.
- iii. national and regional employment support;
- iv. transfer and access to energy;
- v. creation of a modern transport infrastructure; and
- vi. to facilitate growth of regional trade and transit;

We have been working together with RECCA members to develop such programs. We plan to share them with RECCA members in advance, locally, to reach agreement on a set of recommendations to be presented in four papers at the RECCA Working Group sessions. They will cover:

- i. Infrastructure (Energy, Transport and Mines)
- ii. Economic Development (Agriculture, SMEs, Labor Migration)
- iii. Trade, Transit, Border Management
- iv. Human Resource Development (Education and Vocational Training)

We will ask participants to agree and support these recommendations. We want to turn these recommendations into deliverables in the final *Istanbul Declaration*, 2010. We will propose a mechanism to monitor and evaluate Declaration deliverables so that the RECCA Secretariat at the Centre for Regional Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Afghanistan, can provide a systematic and regular assessment of progress to RECCA members in the future and help address potential bottlenecks at an early stage.

#### **Business to Business and Academic Forum**



Representatives of the private sector from participating countries will be invited to a Business Forum which will take place in the margin of the RECCA IV Conference. The Forum will be jointly organized by the Afghanistan Investment Support Agency (AISA), the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB), the Economic Policy Research Foundation in Turkey (TEPAV), Investment Support and Promotion Agency of Turkey (ISPAT) and Foreign Relation Board (DEIK).

Due to the increasing interest in regional cooperation issues within academic circles, an Academic Forum will be held, for the first time, with the participation of selected academics from the RECCA participating countries.

Both Governments look forward to working closely with RECCA members over the next couple of months towards what we wish will be a successful and productive RECCA Conference.