

**Acceptance letters from the Secretary-General to attend the
Brussels Conference on Afghanistan**

(Wednesday, 5 October 2016)

1. **H.E. Ms. Federica Mogherini**, Vice-President of the European Commission
2. **H.E. Mr. Neven Mimica**, Commissioner for International Development of the European Commission
3. **H.E. Mr. Salahuddin Rabbani**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
4. **H.E. Mr. Eklil Ahmad Hakimi**, Minister of Finance of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

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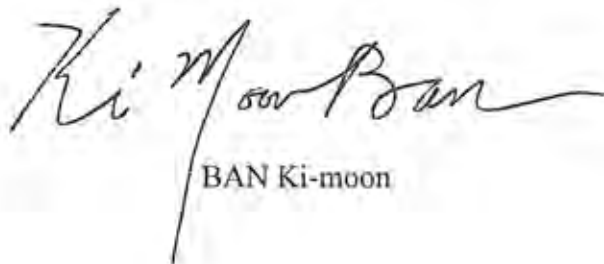
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Brussels, Kabul, 14/06/2016
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**Mr Ban Ki-moon
Secretary General
United Nations Organisation
New York - USA**

Dear Secretary-General,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan, co-hosted by the European Union and the Government of Afghanistan.

Despite a challenging environment the Government of Afghanistan has achieved encouraging progress on the road to self-reliance. As part of its reform agenda, important benchmarks have been met. These include a turnaround on revenue generation, the start of a credible anti-corruption campaign, and firm commitments to implement key human rights policies, in particular fostering women's rights and the protection of children. Substantial political capital has been invested in reaching out to regional partners, laying the groundwork for greater regional economic cooperation and seeking support for a political settlement of the ongoing conflict. Much remains to be done.

Progress in the formulation and implementation of credible, ambitious and realistic reform policies will pave the way for sustained political and financial support within a framework of mutual accountability.

The Brussels Conference on Afghanistan (BCA) will focus on three strands:

- Renewed international support with a pledge for sustained funding, at or near the current levels, until 2020 together with reinforced efforts to increase aid effectiveness in response to the new Afghan national peace and development framework;
- Afghan state-building and progress in implementing reforms, including on jobs, growth, rule of law, improved public finance management and anti-corruption to ensure the provision of basic services and public goods;
- Regional support for a political process towards peace and cross-border economic cooperation.

The conference will take place in Brussels on Tuesday, 5 October, at the Justus Lipsius Building, from 08:30 hrs to 18:00 hrs. Side events on women's empowerment and regional economic cooperation will take place on 4 October in the Charlemagne Building. A first version of the programme is annexed.

The BCA website provides additional information:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/meetings/international-summit/2016/10/05/>.

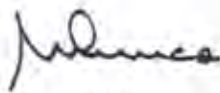
The format of the meeting is 1 + 2. Each delegation is fully responsible for transport and accommodation as well as possible visa requirements for all its members. A separate note with the accreditation procedures and more detailed information will be provided at a later stage.

We look forward to welcoming you in Brussels for this important event and count on your experience, commitment and pledges.

Yours sincerely,



Federica Mogherini



Neven Mimica



Salahuddin Rabbani



Eklil Hakimi

Annex: BCA Programme



Brussels Conference on AFGHANISTAN

4-5 October 2016

PARTNERSHIP FOR PROSPERITY AND PEACE

5 October – Main event

5 October – Main event Venue: Justus Lipsius Building	
From 08:00	Arrival of delegations
Morning Session: Introduction Co-Chair High Representative / Vice President Federica Mogherini and Minister of Foreign Affairs Salahuddin Rabbani	
09:00	Opening session (<i>attended by press</i>) including statements by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President Donald Tusk, • President Ashraf Ghani
10:30	<i>Coffee break - Press leaves-</i> <i>"Family photo"</i>
11:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Presentation by Government of Afghanistan on the Afghan National Peace and Development Framework and the revised Self-Reliance Mutual Accountability Framework (SMAF) 2) Presentation of WB economic outlook
11:30	Bilateral statements – part I - <i>Statements by representatives of partner governments and organisations</i>
12:30	<i>Lunch</i>



Brussels Conference on AFGHANISTAN

4-5 October 2016

PARTNERSHIP FOR PROSPERITY AND PEACE

Afternoon Session: <i>Co-Chair Minister of Finance Eklil Hakimi and Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica</i>	
14:00	Reports from side events Afghan civil society joint statement
14:15	Bilateral Statements - continued – <i>Statements by representatives of partner governments</i>
17:00	Closing session including statements by <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah,• High Representative / Vice President Federica Mogherini and• Commissioner for International Cooperation and Development Neven Mimica
17:30	Press Conference



Brussels Conference on **AFGHANISTAN**

4-5 October 2016

PARTNERSHIP FOR PROSPERITY AND PEACE

4 October – Side events

<i>4 October – Side events</i> <i>Venue: Charlemagne Building</i>	
14:00 - 18:00	Empowered Women, Prosperous Afghanistan
15:30 - 18:00	Regional Economic Cooperation – Regional Integration and Prosperity (by invitation only)
18:15 – 20:00	Reception



New York, 23 June 2016

Subject: Transmission

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Please find attached the official invitation letter and programme to the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan, taking place on 5 October 2016, addressed to His Excellency the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

We would be grateful if you could relay the letter to the Secretary-General.

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Chargé d'affaires a.i.
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**Invite**

G. Cucinotta to: Benjamin Knight

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This message has been replied to.

Dear Ben,

Grateful if you could draft an interim reply (i.e. invite under review) for the attached invitation.

Many thanks,

Ginevra



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