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Press Release

The Embassy and Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Diplomatic Academy co-host a Panel Discussion on Afghanistan

Vienna, July 27, 2016 // The Embassy and Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Vienna in cooperation with the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna organized a panel discussion in the run-up to the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan to be held on 4-5 October 2016.

Mr. Hassan Soroosh, Chargé d'Affaires of the Embassy and Permanent Mission of Afghanistan presented an overview of the achievements, opportunities as well as challenges, including those associated with the three political, security and economic transitions. He also briefed the participants about the efforts made by the National Unity Government of Afghanistan towards self-reliance; the mutual commitments that have recently been made at the NATO Warsaw Summit, as well as the preparations for the upcoming Brussels Conference.

“With the reforms undertaken and with the potential that exists in Afghanistan in areas such as human resources, natural resources, agriculture as well as the country’s centrality in regional cooperation initiatives, Afghanistan is moving on the right direction towards self-reliance” Mr. Soroosh stated. He further stressed that international support will be required in the upcoming years to sustain the achievements of the past 15 years and to implement the Afghanistan National Development Framework.

Mr. Soroosh highlighted the importance of continued international support, including financial commitments with regard to security and development of Afghanistan, stressing that disengagement would increase the threat of terrorism and other forms of organized crime and will cause further migration and refugee flows.

Ms. Stella Avallone from the Austrian Foreign Ministry also participated in the panel, speaking about the longstanding relations between Austria and Afghanistan, as well as the support provided by Austria to Afghanistan in areas such as women’s rights, de-mining, health, education, counter-narcotics and deployment of officers to ISAF/RSM and EUPOL missions.

The panel was moderated by Professor Markus Kornprobst from the Diplomatic Academy, and representatives from the United Nations, OSCE, Embassies, academia and civil society participated in the event.

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