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DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER H.E. MS. ADELA RAZ PARTICIPATES AT THE 2017 OSCE ASIAN CONFERENCE IN BERLIN

Berlin/Vienna | 19 June 2017 *** Today, the 2017 Asian Conference of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) opened at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin/Germany, bringing together representatives from among the 57 OSCE participating States, the OSCE's five Asian Partners for Co-operation (Afghanistan, Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Thailand), and international organizations, with a view to discussing common challenges and common opportunities in the wider OSCE region, including in the areas of connectivity and regional economic co-operation, while considering joint activities towards implementation of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The delegation of Afghanistan is headed by the Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Co-operation, Her Excellency Adela Raz, who made a presentation during Session 1, the high-level political segment, on confidence building in times of geopolitical changes, and who also opened a side-event on OSCE's engagement with Afghanistan and its neighbors in Central Asia, including OSCE's contribution to confidence building in the region through the empowerment of women. The conference will conclude tomorrow, Tuesday, 20 June.

At the margins of the conference, H.E. Adela Raz held a bilateral meeting with the Secretary General of the OSCE, H.E. Lamberto Zannier, exchanging views on political perspectives and, on a more operational level, on planned programmes and projects for Afghan stakeholders in all three dimensions of the work of the OSCE (politico-military; economy and environment; human rights).

The OSCE is the world's largest regional security organization, headquartered in Vienna, and works for stability, peace and democracy for more than a billion people between Vancouver and Vladivostok, using a unique comprehensive security approach. Afghanistan joined the OSCE as a Partner for Co-operation in 2003.

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