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Afghanistan's Minister of Refugees and Repatriations attends Vienna Migration Conference 2017

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This week, H.E. Sayed Hussain Alemi Balkhi, Minister of Refugees and Repatriation of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan visited Vienna to participate in the Vienna Migration Conference 2017, hosted by the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) from 23-24 October 2017 at the Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna.

Joining more than 300 participants, including high level political decision makers, government experts, academia, media and civil society, H.E. Minister Balkhi participated in high-level political panels, highlighting the importance of partnerships in the field of migration. Minister Balkhi emphasized the importance of enabling safe and orderly migration based on balanced interests of parties concerned, thereby echoing the call of H.E. Wolfgang Sobotka, Federal Minister of the Interior of the Republic of Austria for "...a global system of shared responsibilities".

H.E. Minister Balkhi was accompanied by Mr. Mohammad Hanif Ahmadzai, Deputy Director of the United Nations and International Conferences Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan, Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Rasuli, Head of the Legal Department of the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriations, Mr. Sayed Rohullah Hashimi, Official of the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation, Mr. Hayatullah Sabawoon, Official of the Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation and representatives of the Embassy and Permanent Mission of Afghanistan in Vienna, who actively participated in the exchange of ideas and fruitful debates.

On the occasion of the visit of H.E. Minister Balkhi and his delegation, a reception was hosted by H.E. Khojesta Fana Ebrahimkhel, Ambassador of the Embassy and Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan at the Embassy's premises.

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