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WRITTEN CONTRIBUTION MADE BY H.E. AMBASSADOR AYOOB ERFANI TO THE
981 OSCE PERMANENT COUNCIL IN LIGHT OF THE TERRORIST ATTACK THAT
OCCURRED IN KABUL ON 17 JANUARY, 2014

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Thank you Mr. Chairman

Last Friday January 17 Kabul fell victim to another indiscriminate and criminal terrorist suicide attack. The attack took the lives of 21 innocent individuals in a Lebanese café with no regard to their creed or color. Among the victims were 13 internationals and 8 Afghans. I had the honor of knowing some of the victims and had personally worked with them during my tenure in Kabul.

Our heart, thoughts and condolences go out to all of those who suffered losses in this terrorist attack. I would like to take this opportunity to express my delegation's sincerest condolences to the families, friends and governments of the fallen victims. We are deeply sorry and strongly condemn and deplore acts of senseless violence and intimidation as committed by the terrorists and enemies of Afghan people.

Having had the opportunity to work with some of the victims, I can say with confidence that despite nationality, religion or belief we were gathered around one mission and one dream, to work for peace, development, human rights and humanity and a better future for Afghanistan.

HE President Hamad Karzai condemned this terrorist attack and extended his sympathies to the

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families of all victims. The President also met HE Mr. Jan Kubiš the SRS in Afghanistan, and expressed his condolences for the fallen UN staff members.

The people of Afghanistan are committed to continuing their journey during the decade of transformation, and are determined to face all remaining challenges including terrorism. The people of Afghanistan are grateful for the support and sacrifices of our friends and appreciate their commitments and continued support for Afghanistan in the coming decade of transformation 2015- 2025.

Thank you.