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**AGENDA ITEM 37  
THE SITUATION IN AFGHANISTAN**

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Mr. President,

I wish to extend our appreciation to the UN Secretary-General for his latest report on the situation in Afghanistan as contained in document A/69/540-S/2014/656. My delegation would like to highlight some perspectives which Malaysia views important on the situation in Afghanistan.

Mr. President,

2. My delegation is of the view that this meeting is convened at a timely manner. We welcome the formation of the unity Government in Afghanistan, which would signify as a positive step forward for its people. We would also like to commend the United Nations in assuming a supervisory role in the second round of voting in the Presidential election in June 2014. Through this cooperation between the Government and the United Nations, Afghanistan has embraced a new found Government which is inclusive and representative of its people.

3. Malaysia is heartened by the courage and determination of millions of Afghan people who have participated in the first and second rounds of voting. The large turn-out reflected the people's aspirations to achieve a peaceful and democratic leadership transition. In this regard, my delegation would like to take this opportunity in congratulating the people of Afghanistan as they embark on a milestone journey with the formation of a unity Government on 29 September 2014.

4. Malaysia is confident that the new Government will bring continued stability, progress and development despite the many challenges that it

faces. We would encourage the new Government to continue to promote its ambitious Transformation Decade of 2015-2024 programme towards a new vision for the country's future.

Mr. President,

5. Malaysia continues to monitor the security developments in Afghanistan with strong interest. The expected withdrawal of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) by the end of 2014 would mean that the Afghan Unity Government would bear responsibility for the security and safety of its people and territorial integrity. Malaysia is concerned that the country continues to witness incidents of violence and security challenges in the country. Malaysia condemns these acts of violence in all its forms and manifestations.

6. Despite these incidents of violence, Malaysia remained confident that the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), would be able to shoulder its responsibility to protect its people and maintain security in the country. While the ANSF fulfill its primary responsibility for security, it is imperative that the international community continues to provide the necessary support to ANSF, in order to ensure that it continues to be equipped and trained to counter threats to security in the country.

Mr. President,

7. The work of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) in cooperation with the Government of Afghanistan deserves to be commended as well. UNAMA has been active in reinforcing sovereignty, leadership and ownership in the country. Its comprehensive approach has been effective in laying down the foundations for sustainable development in the country, while supporting confidence-building measures within the framework of the Afghan constitution.

8. Apart from that, Malaysia has always been supportive to see stability and progress in Afghanistan. Our track record on this can be seen with the deployment of our Medical Contingent (MALCON) from the Malaysian Armed Forces. Stationed in the Bamyān Province, MALCON has been active in providing much needed medical services from July to April 2013.

9. Malaysia's assistance to Afghanistan does not stop there. As a moderate and progressive Muslim nation, we will continue to provide opportunities for capacity building and human resource development to Afghanistan. Through the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), we would share our experiences in the fields of development and public administration as the pillars of a developing nation. We strongly

believe that Afghanistan would benefit from the exchanges of experience and expertise that Malaysia can offer.

Mr. President,

10. We have seen a significant development in Afghanistan with the formation of a united Government. The situation in Afghanistan is an opportunity for Member States to continue our support to this nation. Its people have demonstrated political will to embrace a new era of democratic and inclusive governance. In this regard, we must not turn our backs on them, but instead we must lend our helping hand to them.

11. Malaysia is pleased to co-sponsor resolution A/69/L.20 on The Situation in Afghanistan. We will continue to be a partner to Afghanistan in this moment of progress and development.

I thank you, Mr. President.