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UNAMA WELCOMES QUADRILATERAL GROUP'S POSITIVE WORK ON AFGHAN PEACE PROCESS

KABUL, 12 January 2016 – The UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) welcomes the positive start made by the Quadrilateral Coordination Group (QCG) in its work on the Afghan peace and reconciliation process.

UNAMA notes the recognition by all QCG participants at the meeting held yesterday in Islamabad of the immediate need for direct talks between representatives of the Government of Afghanistan and representatives from Taliban groups. The QCG is composed of officials from Afghanistan, China, Pakistan and the United States.

"This renewed commitment to an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned peace and reconciliation process is of real importance," said Nicholas Haysom, the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan and head of UNAMA. "We hope all parties will use this opportunity to engage in this process to bring an end to the terrible conflict in Afghanistan."

UNAMA supports all efforts to establish a peace process and will continue to offer its good offices in any facilitative role, while respecting that any peace process must be Afghan-owned and led.

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