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In the Name of God

The Merciful – The Compassionate

Your Excellency Mr. Laurent Fabius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of France and President of COP 21

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please allow to, once again, extend my and that of my Delegation's deepest and most profound condolences to the Government and to the people of France, particularly to the citizens of Paris.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the innocent victims of November 13<sup>th</sup>. We pray for the speedy and complete recovery of the injured.

Despite of the shock of this barbaric, cowardly, savage and dastardly terrorist attack from which the people of France are still in a State of Mourning, let it be known that no one can ever take away the *joie du vivre* of the people of France.

We may be the United Nations of Great Grief but our love, strength in diversity, tolerance and unity is far more powerful than their bombs and guns can ever be!

Climate Change and International Terrorism are two extremely serious issues which threatens Humanity and which must be dealt with all possible means at our collective disposal.

Excellencies, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to thank the Government of France and the organizers of the UNFCCCC COP21 for the excellent facilities provided and the warm hospitality extended to my Delegation in the beautiful City of Paris.

If you would allow me, my fellow Delegates, to mention the most salient points of which my country is suffering from the ravages of Climate Change:

Afghanistan is the number one most vulnerable LDC country in our immediate region because of Climate Change.

Afghanistan is the 14<sup>th</sup> most vulnerable LDC country on the planet because of Climate Change.

It is therefore, of utmost importance that we reach out toward all the countries attending this historic and august gathering to agree on a legally-binding mechanism in order to save our planet from further damage caused by Climate Change.

We can, we should and we must come to an Agreement.

Let us seize this historic opportunity which presents itself before us in these final and most critical days of the High-Level Segment to reach a proper, meaningful, and realistic and an equitable agreement for Humanity, for the present as well as, for the future generations and for every living life form on Earth.

I am sure that you all agree with me that we must collectively and responsibly act for the welfare of our common Planet - Terra – a tiny beautiful little blue dot on the Celestial Map of our Solar System which supports Life as we know it.

We stand before God, before Humanity, before History and before Our Collective Conscious to make COP21 successful.

Therefore, let us be bold and take that step for Humanity and for Life itself!

I thank you for your kind attention.

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