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Recent tragic events in Afghanistan put us in danger of a large-scale humanitarian crisis and threaten to reverse political, economic and social achievements of the Afghan people over the last two decades.

Throughout years, Georgia actively participated in the NATO-led operations in Afghanistan, namely in the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and the Resolute Support Mission (RSM). We continue to stand in solidarity with people of Afghanistan.

Afghan people deserve to live in safety, security and dignity and to enjoy the full respect of their rights. Any form of violence and discrimination must be prevented, and accountability for serious human rights violations and abuses and international humanitarian law violations must be ensured.

Against the background of unfolding events in Afghanistan, Georgia is once again actively involved in the management of humanitarian and evacuation processes.

Georgia, as a trustworthy member of the international community is ready to be further engaged in the process of evacuation of employees and their family members of various international organizations and partner states from Afghanistan.

The Georgian side established an interagency task force, which has been responsible for supporting the transit operation with all necessary measures.

Accordingly, the Georgian side has been assisting several international organizations, namely, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the International Republican Institute (IRI), the Asian Development Bank (ADB), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), World Bank (WB) and others in evacuation of their staff and family members. Evacuees have been provided with the temporary accommodations on the territory of Georgia.

Current developments in Afghanistan threaten the regional and global security environment. Participation in the international humanitarian efforts in the times of
great difficulties once again demonstrates that Georgia is a reliable stakeholder that can contribute to the shared international security and stability.

We believe that our collective efforts will help Afghanistan to develop the self-reliance for prosperous and peaceful future of its citizens.

Once again, we express solidarity and readiness to join our efforts with International partners and friends aimed at facilitation of effective humanitarian response to the needs of Afghan people.