UN High-level Ministerial Meeting on the Humanitarian situation in Afghanistan

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OIC Statement

The OIC expresses its deep appreciation to the United Nations (UN) for the invitation and welcomes the convening of this High-level Ministerial Meeting on the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan that, hopefully, will raise awareness of the donor community and urge them to take urgent actions in view of improving the humanitarian situation in this country.

This High-level Meeting and its purpose are in line with the constant call by the OIC for the support to Afghanistan. It is also in accordance with the continuous solidarity extended by the OIC, its Organs, Institutions and Member States to Afghanistan since the political crisis erupted in the country.

In fact, over the past years, the OIC has adopted many Resolutions at various sessions of both its Islamic Summit and its Council of Foreign Ministers to call for support for Afghanistan.

It has also undertaken a number of actions in view of boosting the Afghanistan’s endeavors to overcome the various challenges it has been facing for decades.

Among others, the OIC:

- Has opened a Humanitarian Office in Kabul to coordinate and bring humanitarian assistance to needy afghan people;
- Has extended through the Islamic Solidarity Fund a considerable financial grant to Afghanistan in view of supporting its strategy to mitigate the impact of the Covid-19.
Additionally, in the aftermath of the upsurge of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan following the political and security turmoil, the OIC called its Member States, relevant Institutions and International partners to take urgent actions to help Afghanistan in ensuring security and safety for its population and guaranteeing the protection of their rights.

In the same vein, the OIC convened an important Extraordinary Open-Ended Meeting of its Executive Committee at the Level of Permanent Representatives on the situation in Afghanistan on 22 August 2021, at its Headquarters, to express solidarity with Afghanistan and examine the ways and means to strengthen support for the Afghan people.

Among others, this OIC meeting stressed on the alarming humanitarian situation exacerbated by the growing number of displaced persons and the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and pointed out the necessity for all international partners to provide swift assistance to Afghanistan. For its part, the OIC reaffirmed that it will continue standing alongside Afghanistan and provide any possible aid and support in relation with its Member States, Financial Institutions and Humanitarian Office in Kabul.

In this perspective, it is worth mentioning that the OIC will grant, very soon, an important donation of Covid-19 vaccines to Afghanistan as an OIC Least Developed Member State to help the country contain the propagation of the pandemic.

Furthermore, the OIC strongly calls on the international humanitarian community to build a wide and strong cooperation to better address the humanitarian needs in Afghanistan and reiterates its readiness to play an important role in this regard.