Statement

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Mr. President,

At the outset, I would like to extend our appreciation to the Secretary-General for comprehensive report on the situation in Afghanistan (A/69/540). Let me also thank the Permanent Mission of Germany for conducting consultations and introducing the draft resolution A/69/L20.

My delegation aligns itself with the statement made by the representative of the Russian Federation on behalf of the Member States of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO). I would like, however, to make a statement in the national capacity.

Mr. President,

The Kyrgyz Republic supports the efforts of Afghanistan to establish peace and security in the country, to build effectively functioning state institutions and to develop economy for the prosperity of the Afghan people.

We respect the right of the Afghan people to choose their own path of political development and to successfully overcome the transitional period. In this regard we congratulate Afghanistan with the completion of the elections and the establishment of the National Unity Government. Peaceful and democratic transition of power from one President to another creates a solid foundation for peaceful and sustainable development of the country.

The President of the Kyrgyz Republic Mr. Almazbek Atambayev in his message of felicitation to the President of Afghanistan Dr. Ashraf Ghani has expressed readiness for further strengthening the Kyrgyz-Afghan brotherly relations and cooperation in the areas of mutual interest. The Embassy of the Kyrgyz Republic in Kabul officially opened in February this year is actively promoting the development of bilateral relations and is becoming an important link in the joint promotion and implementation of regional projects.

Mr. President,

Today we are still seriously concerned with the security situation in Afghanistan that remains unstable. As UN Secretary-General pointed out in his report, the insurgent groups, international terrorists and associated networks took advantage of the prolonged political and electoral crisis to mount major assaults around the country.
Kyrgyzstan condemns the continuing attacks on innocent civilians, particularly women and children and considers that the transfer of responsibility for security should be gradual and orderly so as to ensure overall stability in the country and region as a whole.

Efforts to achieve full national reconciliation are among the main preconditions for ensuring lasting peace in Afghanistan. We support an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned inclusive peace and reconciliation process. It should be implemented by the Afghan people themselves and in the interest of all Afghans. A comprehensive peace process should be open to all interested parties that are ready to reject violence and break off their links with international terrorism and respect the Constitution of Afghanistan.

According to the report of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the opium crop in Afghanistan will hit a new high this year. It is a serious threat to the national security of both Afghanistan and the countries of the Eurasian continent. Despite the activities within the framework of national and regional anti-narcotic Strategies and Programs, we have not fully stopped the flow of drugs from Afghanistan through the so-called northern route of drug trafficking. The situation is aggravating because the revenues from illicit drug production and trafficking serve as a major source to fund terrorist and extremist groups. This in turn, undermines the system of security in the country and the region as a whole. We, therefore, call on our regional partners and relevant UN structures to step up further joint efforts to counteract the illicit production and trafficking of drugs, both in Afghanistan and around.

Mr. President,

Sustained and comprehensive economic development in Afghanistan is crucial not only to combat challenges faced today, but also to achieve long-term security and stability in the country. In this regard, there is an urgent need to pay special attention to rebuilding Afghanistan’s economic infrastructure and to full implementation of considerable commitments for the reconstruction and economic development of Afghanistan which have been made at major international and regional conferences on Afghanistan.

We believe that involving Afghanistan in regional cooperation and promoting its trade and economic relations with neighboring States will be playing strong role to ensure peace, stability, development and trust in the region and beyond. Kyrgyzstan as a participant of several regional organizations is ready to make its contribution to that process.

It is important to involve Afghanistan in regional economic integration through implementation of joint social, economic, and infrastructure projects. Kyrgyzstan fully supports measures aimed at promoting regional economic cooperation, through development of infrastructure in energy, transport and communication spheres. We are strongly interested in the implementation of projects on energy export to Afghanistan in the framework of CASA-1000 and the establishment of tripartite agricultural consortium of Kyrgyzstan-Tajikistan-Afghanistan, as well as the construction of railroads, connecting Afghanistan with neighboring countries.

In conclusion, I would like once and again to reiterate the principal position of the Kyrgyz Republic to respect the sovereignty, territorial integrity and unity of Afghanistan and our readiness to provide assistance to Afghanistan in achieving lasting peace, sustainable security and economic development.

Thank you.