



# AFGHANISTAN

## Statement

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**In the Name of God**

Mr. President,

I would like to join the distinguished speakers preceding me in congratulating you upon your election as the President of this Congress, the first during this century.

Mr. President,

As the occurrence of this august congress happened to coincide with the dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, two feelings therein seem to circle in everyone's mind. One is that of optimism after having exhausted our tolerance for crimes to finally combat this evil phenomenon in all its forms wherever it is rooted, hopefully this time with dedication. The other, of course, is that of hopelessness to see that humanity, in most part at least, still suffers quietly extensively from crimes committed against them and consequently being puzzled as to whether there is going to be an end to them all or would they carry on.

In order to be able to launch an effective fight against crimes, challenges such as maintenance of international peace and security, eradication of poverty, sustainable development, economic growth, combating immoralities, social progress and globalization in meaningful terms need to be dealt with which surely not require just promises but firm commitment and action.

At the cost of human blood the international peace and security is over and over again threatened. UN Charter and international law, including the principle of noninterference, are violated. Ethnic cleansing, crimes against humanity and genocide are still perpetrated. Gender apartheid is still pursued as state policy in some parts of our globe. Human rights, equality, security, social justice, and respect for human dignity in some countries are barely existing and in others totally nonexistent. And, finally, the fight against terrorism and narcotics is not yet perceived.

Mr. President,

Crimes that are committed against person individuals, citizens or humanity at large may share the same essence but differ in shape and therefore, might have different root-causes. In today's Afghanistan, the illegally occupation of vast areas of the country has breached the fundamental principle of international law - namely, the inadmissibility of acquiring territory by force, hence a trans-border aggression, abling the mercenary Taliban to carry out most of the crimes against humanity. It is our earnest believe that the aforementioned challenges and crises associated with hegemonic adventures, state sponsored terrorism and transnational and crossborder criminal activities, which threaten the law and order, giving cause for widespread crime to thrive in and outside Afghanistan, will, above all, continue to secure the process of the Talibanization of the entire region should the UN fail to actively function in cooperation with the international community to eradicate root causes of such crimes.

Mr. President,

Crimes against humanity, war crimes, including forced deportation, massive forced displacement of hundreds of thousands, separation of the menfolk from their families by the thousands, widespread burning and leveling of houses and entire villages, systematic destruction of the agricultural base and the irrigation systems resulting in the loss of crops due for harvesting, and execution of a scorched-earth policy, have been continuously committed by the Taliban, particularly and massively, in the Shamali Plains, after the July 19 Tashkent Meeting of the Group of "Six-plus-Two" and in Khoja Ghar, in north-eastern Afghanistan in late September of 1999. Policies of genocide, gender apartheid, trafficking of women and girls, ethnic cleansing, religious and sectarian extermination, rigid interpretation of religion, and the pursuit of a military solution, explains the Taliban actions in Afghanistan. And, their advocacy of terrorist and extremist agenda, soaring drug production and trafficking, Talibanization of the region and denunciation of the international community, continue unabated.

Taliban have virtually placed over fifty percent of the population to house arrest and have terrorized the entire Afghan population. The international community, therefore, has shown its grave dismay and concern towards the evil predicament of the Taliban action and agenda. Taliban's heinous crimes also include turning women into voiceless and invisible non-beings confined to their dark houses and stripped of their basic fundamental rights. The report of the Special Rapporteur (4/1999/40), para 18 states, the Taliban "continue to pursue policies which are in conflict with international human rights standards by which Afghanistan is bound as a party to the major international human rights instruments.

Mr. President,

The ill intended position of subordinating Afghanistan through Taliban, undermines the peace process and opposes the formation of a fully representative, multiethnic government in the country. Not to mention thousands of foreign military personnel, members of the para-military, ex-commissioned officers, and thousands of recruits and "volunteers" from the neighboring have been trained and dispatched into Afghanistan to carry these crimes for crossborder political-military gains.

Mr. President,

Having said all this, Mr. President, Afghanistan, as a troubled member of this global family, is awaiting a collective effort by the international community to search for the solutions to its problems that have become every ones problem and continue to grow, outreaching and affecting other societies.

Thank You, Mr. President