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STATEMENT
By the delegation of Montenegro
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Thank you Mr. Chairman,

We would like to join the EU and others in welcoming the outcomes of the London Conference on Afghanistan. We wish to highlight their importance for the future of Afghanistan, since they define comprehensive steps of the international community in reconstruction and stabilization of the country, as well as efforts of Afghanistan in civil and military area needed to strengthen its prosperity and stability. This is of utmost importance not only for Afghanistan and its wider region, but for global security as well.

Montenegro took part at the London Conference as the newest ISAF contributing country, since we will have 30 soldiers and medical personnel in Northern Afghanistan, being deployed as we speak. In accordance with our strategic goals of the EU and NATO integration, we wish in this way to show once again that we have the growing capacity and longstanding commitment to be a reliable partner to the international community in fighting global threats and challenges to security.

We hope that the continuing commitment to Afghanistan expressed at the London Conference and joint efforts of the international community, including the OSCE with its expertise and experience, will bring about positive results in providing long-term security and stability in Afghanistan.

Thank you.