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STATEMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

Afghanistan fully supports and has co-sponsored the draft Resolution introduced by Sierra Leone entitled “Observer Status for the Group of Seven Plus at the United Nations General Assembly”.

As a country that is making efforts to recover from the devastating effects of conflict, Afghanistan attaches high importance to the work of the Group of 7+. We believe that the group provides an important platform to share our experiences, coordinate our efforts, and present a collective voice on our priorities as we continue to progress towards achieving sustainable development.

Afghanistan has always been a firm supporter of raising the profile of this important initiative. As such, Afghanistan was the first country to ratify the Charter of the G7+ and we have been involved in various aspects of the organization ever since. This includes currently holding the position of Deputy Secretary-General at the G7+ Secretariat and hosting the 4th Ministerial Meeting of this group in Kabul in 2016.

Additionally, Afghanistan has advocated issues of relevance to the group at various UN bodies and forums, including in discussions for the New Deal for Engagement in Fragile States.

The main objectives of the G7+, including advocating for peaceful resolution of conflicts through country-led dialogue and reconciliation, and promoting principles of effective engagement, are very well in line with the mandate of the United Nations. Therefore, we think the G7+ is well positioned to obtain the observer status at the General Assembly.

In closing, we express our appreciation to all Member States that have supported this draft resolution and call on all member states that have not yet done so to co-sponsor this draft resolution.

I thank you.