



Resolution 2721 (2023)**Adopted by the Security Council at its 9521st meeting, on
29 December 2023**

The Security Council,

Recalling its previous resolutions on Afghanistan, in particular resolution [2679 \(2023\)](#) which requested an integrated, independent assessment on Afghanistan,

Reaffirming its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Afghanistan, as well as its continued support for the people of Afghanistan,

Reaffirming its support for a peaceful, stable, prosperous and inclusive Afghanistan,

Reiterating the need to address the challenges faced by Afghanistan, including but not limited to, humanitarian, human rights and especially the rights of women and girls, religious and ethnic minorities, security and terrorism, narcotics, development, economic and social challenges, dialogue, governance and the rule of law,

Reaffirming the indispensable role of women in Afghan society, and *emphasizing* the importance of the full, equal, meaningful and safe participation of women, and upholding human rights, including those of women, children, minorities, and persons in vulnerable situations,

Stressing the importance of an engagement architecture to guide and bring more coherence to political, humanitarian and development activities; and a substantive roadmap that will enable more effective negotiation and implementation of the priorities of Afghan and international stakeholders,

Reaffirming that an integrated and coherent approach among relevant political, humanitarian and development actors, within and outside of the United Nations system, consistent with their respective mandates, is critical to building and sustaining peace in Afghanistan,

Recognizing that the health, well-being, prosperity and security of the people of Afghanistan affect the entire region and beyond,

1. *Stresses* the critical importance of a continued presence of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and other United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programmes across Afghanistan, and *reiterates* its full support to the mandate and the work of UNAMA and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General;



2. *Takes positive note of* the independent assessment on Afghanistan (S/2023/856);

3. *Encourages* member states and all other relevant stakeholders to consider the independent assessment and implementation of its recommendations, especially increasing international engagement in a more coherent, coordinated and structured manner, *affirms* that the objective of this process should be a clear end state of an Afghanistan at peace with itself and its neighbors, fully reintegrated into the international community and meeting international obligations, and *recognizes* the need to ensure the full, equal, meaningful and safe participation of Afghan women in the process throughout;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with members of the Security Council, relevant Afghan political actors and stakeholders, including relevant authorities, Afghan women and civil society, as well as the region and the wider international community, to appoint a Special Envoy for Afghanistan, in a timely manner, provided with robust expertise on human rights and gender, to promote implementation of the recommendations of the independent assessment, without prejudice to the mandate of UNAMA and the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and their vital work in Afghanistan;

5. *Welcomes* the Secretary-General's intention to convene the next meeting of the group of Special Envoys and Special Representatives on Afghanistan initiated in May 2023 in a timely manner, and encourages the meeting to discuss the recommendations of the independent assessment;

6. *Requests* that the Secretary-General brief the Security Council on the outcome of these consultations and discussions within 60 days;

7. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.
