

Side event of the 67th session of the Executive Committee

**High-level briefing by Afghanistan's Chief Executive,
Dr. Abdullah Abdullah**

On the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan,
co-hosted by the Government of Afghanistan and the European Union

**Introduced by Mr. Filippo Grandi,
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees**



On 5 October, the European Union and the Government of Afghanistan will co-host the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan, an event during which the Afghan Government will provide an update on recent reforms and set out its vision for the future. It will also be an opportunity for the international community to demonstrate sustained political and financial support for peace, good governance and the development of Afghanistan. There is widespread agreement that the root causes of conflict and displacement must be addressed if sustainable solutions for millions of uprooted Afghans are to be found. In a welcome step forward, the Government of National Unity's development plans include the needs of returnees and internally displaced persons in the Citizens' Charter and other key national priority programmes. While short-term humanitarian interventions continue to play a vital role in mitigating the adverse effects of conflict and displacement in Afghanistan, they cannot substitute the need for well-conceived and integrated development initiatives towards sustainable solutions.

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13:30 – 14:30

Palais des Nations – Room XII

A light lunch and refreshments will be served.

