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Letter dated 2 May 2019 from the Permanent Representatives of China and the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to forward to you the document entitled “Trilateral consensus on the Afghan peace process by Russia, China and the United States” (see annex), adopted at the meeting of the special representatives of the President of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China and the State Department of the United States of America on Afghanistan, held in Moscow on 25 April 2019.

We should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter and its annex as an official document of the Security Council and of the General Assembly.

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Trilateral consensus on the Afghan peace process by Russia, China and the United States

Adopted at the meeting of the special representatives of the President of Russia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China and the State Department of the United States of America on Afghanistan, held in Moscow on 25 April 2019

1. The three sides respect the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Afghanistan as well as its right to choose its development path. The three sides prioritize the interests of the Afghan people in promoting a peace process.
2. The three sides support an inclusive Afghan-led, Afghan-owned peace process and are ready to provide necessary assistance. The three sides encourage the Afghan Taliban to participate in peace talks with a broad, representative Afghan delegation that includes the government as soon as possible. Toward this end, and as agreed in Moscow in February 2019, we support a second round of intra-Afghan dialogue in Doha (Qatar).
3. The three sides support the Afghan government efforts to combat international terrorism and extremist organizations in Afghanistan. They take note of the Afghan Taliban's commitment to: fight ISIS and cut ties with Al-Qaeda, the Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement, and other international terrorist groups; ensure the areas they control will not be used to threaten any other country; and call on them to prevent terrorist recruiting, training, and fundraising, and expel any known terrorists.
4. The three sides recognize the Afghan people's strong desire for a comprehensive ceasefire. As a first step, we call on all parties to agree on immediate and concrete steps to reduce violence.
5. The three sides stress the importance of fighting illegal drug production and trafficking, and call on the Afghan government and the Taliban to take all the necessary steps to eliminate the drug threat in Afghanistan.
6. The three sides call for an orderly and responsible withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan as part of the overall peace process.
7. The three sides call for regional countries to support this trilateral consensus and are ready to build a more extensive regional and international consensus on Afghanistan.
8. The three sides agreed on a phased expansion of their consultations before the next trilateral meeting in Beijing. The date and composition of the meeting will be agreed upon through diplomatic channels.