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UNAMA WELCOMES STRATEGIC REVIEW TO FURTHER IMPROVE ITS EFFECTIVENESS

KABUL, 7 May 2017 - The UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) welcomes the visit this week of a team of experts to conduct a Security Council-requested strategic review of the Mission and its work.

“This is an excellent opportunity for UNAMA’s set up and operations to be critically and constructively evaluated,” said Tadamichi Yamamoto, the UN Secretary-General’s Special Representative for Afghanistan. “We recently received the backing of the Security Council for a new one-year mandate extension,” said Yamamoto, who is also head of UNAMA, “and we are determined to live up to the confidence shown in us and hope to see the review further helping our work for the Afghan people to be even more effective and efficient.”

The review team is led by Under-Secretary-General Ján Kubiš, former head of UNAMA, who will be conducting a broad range of meetings with national and international stakeholders in the week ahead. The strategic review is timetabled to be submitted to the Security Council in early July 2017.

In Resolution 2344 (2017), the UN Security Council requested the strategic review to examine UNAMA’s mandated tasks, priorities and related resources, and to assess the Mission’s efficiency and effectiveness.

UNAMA’s vision is for a stable and prosperous Afghanistan that lives at peace with itself and its neighbours, where the Afghan peoples’ human rights are upheld and basic services are available to all.

The Mission supports efforts to achieve peace and stability in Afghanistan, as well as work to guarantee the rule of law and accountable governance. It also leads and coordinates the international community’s support of the Government’s priorities to advance peace, governance and development.

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UNAMA is mandated to support the Afghan Government and the people of Afghanistan as a political mission that provides 'good offices' among other key services. 'Good offices' are diplomatic steps the UN takes publicly and in private, drawing on its independence, impartiality and integrity, to prevent international disputes from arising, escalating or spreading. UNAMA assists the process of peace and reconciliation; monitors and promotes human rights, including the protection of civilians in armed conflict; promotes good governance; and encourages regional cooperation. The Mission also promotes coherent development support by the international community.