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I would like to join other speakers before me in congratulating Japan for organising this International Conference on Reconstruction Assistance to Afghanistan and also the co-chairs - US, EU and Saudi Arabia. We are very happy to see the progress in achieving reconciliation between the different ethnic groups in Afghanistan. We believe that in order to sustain this reconciliation and bring about lasting peace and stability in Afghanistan, the international community has to extend financial and material support in the reconstruction process. This has been amply demonstrated in today's conference.

2. For Malaysia, as a multi-ethnic society, we do understand that in diversity there can be unity, provided we are serious and sincere in our efforts to focus on our common factors of bringing development and progress to our communities.

3. Malaysia had focussed its efforts in Afghanistan on humanitarian assistance. The government had contributed USD5 million in providing medical facilities by establishing military medical units at the refugee camp in Chaman. Other contributions in terms of food and clothing was also extended by the government. Malaysian NGOs are also actively involved in providing assistance such as medical relief and provision of food at the refugee camps as well as inside Afghanistan.

4. The Malaysian public had also donated monies for humanitarian assistance which we had channelled through a UN agency.

5. On the redevelopment and reconstruction programme, the Malaysian Government has agreed to contribute USD500,000 to the UNDP "start-up fund". The government is also ready to offer technical assistance programmes within our abilities and means in areas where we have the capabilities. The assistance will be under the Malaysian Technical Programme (MTCP) in the following areas:-

- ◆ Civil Service
- ◆ Judiciary
- ◆ Finance
- ◆ Training of Security and Armed Forces Personnel
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Accounting and Auditing
- ◆ Training of personnel in drug rehabilitation works
- ◆ Training of personnel in crime prevention and law enforcement

6. Malaysia is also ready to undertake certain infrastructure developments and provide consultancy services with respect to the following:-

- ◆ establishing a law commission
- ◆ establishing a central bank
- ◆ establishing public service commission
- ◆ exercise of population census and voters' registration
- ◆ formulating of laws/regulations for the eradication, use and trafficking of drugs
- ◆ establishing institution that deals with prevention and rehabilitation on drug offenders

7. We are fully committed to assist Afghanistan to become a credible member of the international community. Malaysia will send a fact-finding mission to Afghanistan to discuss and firm up the details of our assistance programme.

Thank you,

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