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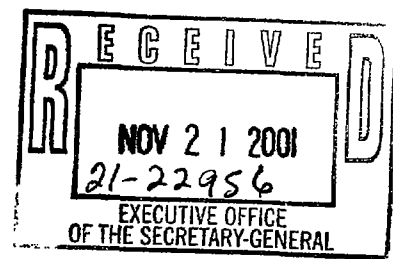
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Note to the Secretary-General

CONFERENCE ON PREPARING FOR AFGHANISTAN'S RECONSTRUCTION

You had asked me for confirmation that the above meeting is to take place as was being reported in the media. The following information was obtained by my office from UNDP in Islamabad.

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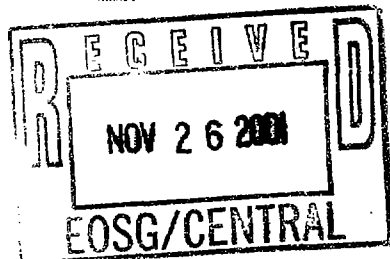
The conference, which is being sponsored by UNDP, the World Bank and the Asia Development Bank, will take place in Islamabad from 27 to 29 November. It is intended to bring together a wide range of interested and knowledgeable people from different parts of the assistance community for Afghanistan as well as substantial number of Afghans from all over the world. The gathering will discuss the issues and challenges in planning and implementing Afghanistan's future reconstruction. The conference is intended to build on the international experience with reconstruction efforts and operational experience of various agencies that have been working in and around Afghanistan. It will also build upon the analytical foundations of the World Bank/UNDP Afghanistan Watching Brief. The objectives of the conference will be to begin an intensified process of better understanding Afghanistan's future reconstruction priorities and financing needs.

The conference will discuss post crisis recovery priorities and needs including:

- Stimulating agriculture recovery
- Employment generation
- Food security
- Reconstruction of infrastructure
- Improving education and health services
- Managing urban development
- Rebuilding irrigation facilities and road network

Close to two hundred participants may attend, including, a large number of Ambassadors and other diplomats based in Islamabad; UN agencies; major donor agencies; international, Afghan and Pakistani NGOs; academics and experts in different fields of development.

Mr. Brahimi is not in favour of this and other similar initiatives, which he believes are premature at this stage. He will not attend personally and does not intend to designate a representative, although UNSMA might be represented by Vendrell.



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