



## Security Council

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### Resolution 2818 (2026)

**Adopted by the Security Council at its 10121<sup>st</sup> meeting, on  
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*The Security Council,*

*Recalling* its previous resolutions on Afghanistan, in particular its resolution 2626 (2022) setting the current mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) and the resolution 2777 (2025) extending the mandate until 17 March 2026,

*Stressing* the important role that the United Nations will continue to play in promoting peace and stability in Afghanistan,

*Reaffirming* its strong commitment to the sovereignty, independence, territorial integrity and national unity of Afghanistan, as well as its continued support for the people of Afghanistan,

*Recognizing* the continued need to address the multifaceted challenges faced by Afghanistan, reaffirming that an integrated and coherent approach among relevant political, humanitarian and development actors, within and outside of the United Nations system, consistent with their respective mandates, is critical to building and sustaining peace in Afghanistan,

*Expressing* its serious concern about the increasing and widespread erosion of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, in particular for women and girls, underscoring that the absence of such rights and freedoms makes peace, stability, and prosperity in the country unattainable, and reaffirming its call for the Taliban to swiftly reverse all policies and practices restricting women and girls' rights and equal access to education, employment, justice, economic opportunities, health-care and other basic services, as well as their full, equal and meaningful participation in public life and their freedom of movement, including those contained in the "vice and virtue" directive and the decree on the "Criminal Rules of Courts", and the ban on Afghan women working for the United Nations and non-governmental organizations in Afghanistan and accessing UN premises across the country since early September 2025, while reaffirming the indispensable role of women in Afghan society and the need to increase their roles and participation in decision-making,

*Emphasizing* its deep concern regarding the dire economic and humanitarian situation in Afghanistan, including the funding gap for and continuing obstacles to humanitarian operations, recognizing the need to help address the substantial

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challenges facing Afghanistan's economy, including through efforts to restore the banking and financial systems and to enable the use of assets belonging to Afghanistan's Central Bank for the benefit of the Afghan people, and further emphasizing the importance of strengthened efforts to provide humanitarian assistance and other activities that support basic human needs in Afghanistan, in accordance with resolution 2615 (2021), as well as development needs that are crucial for Afghanistan's long-term self-reliance, while acknowledging the important coordination role of the United Nations in this regard, and reiterating that the full, rapid, safe, and unhindered humanitarian access consistent with international humanitarian law and other applicable international legal obligations for all humanitarian personnel, including women and international and national non-governmental organizations, is essential,

*Expressing* serious concern over the presence of terrorist groups in Afghanistan which continue to constitute a threat to international peace and security, condemning in the strongest terms all terrorist activity including terrorist attacks and reaffirming the importance of combating terrorism in Afghanistan, and further reaffirming the demand that the territory of Afghanistan should not be used to threaten or attack any country, to plan or finance terrorist acts, or to shelter and train terrorists, and that no Afghan group or individual should support terrorists operating on the territory of any country, and calling on the Taliban to take active, immediate, demonstrable and concrete measures to strengthen these efforts to combat terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever and by whomever committed, including those individuals and groups, entities and undertakings, designated by the Security Council Committee pursuant to resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011), and 2253 (2015), and underlining that a particular goal of counter-terrorism strategies should be to ensure sustainable peace and security,

*Reiterating* its support for the fight against cultivation, production, trade and trafficking of illicit drugs from, and chemical precursors to, Afghanistan, acknowledging that illicit proceeds of drug trafficking in Afghanistan continue to be a source of financing for terrorist groups including those designated by the Security Council and non-state actors that threaten regional and international security, and recognizing the threats that terrorist groups and non-state actors involved in narcotics trade, and illicit exploitation of natural resources, continue to pose to the security and stability of Afghanistan, and calling upon states to strengthen international and regional cooperation to counter this threat and recognizing the important role of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, including supporting alternative livelihoods to sustain the reduction in opium cultivation,

*Reiterating* its support for regional and international efforts to prevent and address the illicit trade in and destabilizing accumulation of small arms and light weapons and their diversion in Afghanistan and the region, and stressing the importance of strengthening the safe and secure management of weapons and ammunition to prevent their diversion to terrorist groups,

*Expressing* serious concern regarding the prevailing level of civilian casualties, particularly among children, resulting from explosive ordnance incidents in Afghanistan, and the diminishing number of demining teams dealing with the threat, further emphasising the need for Member States to support and sustain the Mine Action Programme in Afghanistan,

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*Reiterating* its support for efforts to create conditions conducive to a voluntary, safe, dignified and sustainable return and reintegration of internally displaced persons and refugee populations,

*Underlining* the need for disaster risk reduction to address the impacts of natural disasters such as floods, drought and heatwaves that can adversely impact the humanitarian situation and socioeconomic stability in Afghanistan, including through contributing to food insecurity, water scarcity, desertification and land degradation,

1. *Expresses* its appreciation for the United Nations' long-term commitment to support the people of Afghanistan and reiterates its full support to the work of UNAMA and requests the Secretary-General, in a timely manner and in consultation with members of the Security Council, to appoint a new Special Representative of the Secretary-General to head UNAMA;

2. *Welcomes* UNAMA's ongoing efforts in the implementation of its mandated tasks and priorities, and stresses the need for its continued field presence;

3. *Decides* to extend until 17 June 2026 the mandate of UNAMA, as defined in resolution 2626 (2022);

4. *Stresses* the critical importance of a continued presence of UNAMA and other United Nations Agencies, Funds and Programmes across Afghanistan, and calls upon all relevant Afghan political actors and stakeholders, including relevant authorities as needed, as well as international actors to coordinate with UNAMA in the implementation of its mandate and to ensure the safety, security and freedom of movement of United Nations and associated personnel throughout the country;

5. *Requests* that the Secretary-General reports to the Council every three months on the situation in Afghanistan and the implementation of UNAMA's mandate, including at the subnational level;

6. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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