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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Mr. Nader,

Thank you for your letter of 6 October about Afghanistan.

As you note, the United Kingdom has been a strong partner for Afghanistan and we remain committed to this under the new Afghan Government.

I agree that the role of civil society is critical in shaping and supporting Afghanistan's future. During my recent visit to Afghanistan, I met with both President Ghani and CEO Dr Abdullah and discussed the London Conference on Afghanistan, which we see as a key mechanism to secure the international community's long-term commitment to Afghanistan. We want to bring together all our partners, including Afghan civil society representatives, to assist the National Unity Government as they embark on key reforms, including on the rights of all Afghans. Ultimately, our aim is to ensure that our support helps the new government build a more stable and prosperous Afghanistan.

I am pleased that your organisation is supporting civil society's role in the Conference through the 'Ayenda' civil society event. As you point out, it will be important that Afghan civil society, particularly Afghan women, have a strong voice in setting priorities with the new Government in the run up to, during and beyond the Conference. Officials at the Department for International Development will be pleased to explore with BAAG the opportunities for the continued engagement of civil society in development discussions after the Conference.

I wish you every success with the 'Ayenda' event and look forward to hearing about it.

*Yours sincerely,
David Cameron*

Mr Jawed Nader