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STATEMENT

On the agreement to audit the results of the Afghan Presidential

election

"We welcome the agreement between Afghan presidential candidates Dr Abdullah Abdullah and Dr Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai on a comprehensive audit of the results of the presidential elections, which is a confirmation of their desire to fulfil the democratic aspirations of the Afghan people and restore confidence in the election process.

We applaud the two candidates for their leadership and readiness for compromise in the interest of the people of Afghanistan. We commend US Secretary of State John Kerry and the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan Ján Kubiš for their tireless efforts to facilitate this agreement.

The EU will continue supporting a democratic and legitimate transition of power in Afghanistan including through the EU Election Assessment Team which will closely follow the agreed auditing of election results."

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