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*Dear Colleagues,*

Thank you for your letter dated 27 March 2019, referring to the recent developments with regard to the situation of the CAG Educational Schools in Afghanistan.

We concur that education in Afghanistan is in need of protection and enhancement. This is important for the country's future development and to meet the expectations of Afghanistan's citizens, in particular the young generation.

In the specific case of the CAG Educational Schools, the European Union's Delegation in Kabul has been following the situation closely and has been in contact with both the Afghan authorities and the parents' association on several occasions.

Respect for human rights, the rule of law and fundamental freedoms is at the core of the EU's action in and dialogue with Afghanistan. The EU will continue to emphasize the importance of progress in these areas with the Afghan authorities and interlocutors, including in the educational sector.

Yours sincerely,



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