

Afghanistan's statement:

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H.E. Co-Chairs, Ladies and Gentlemen

I am grateful to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, Australian Government and International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Jakarta to arrange this program (the first ad hoc group meeting). As you know Afghanistan has faced three decades of conflicts and the conflicts still is continuing in Afghanistan. In the war time many Afghans have migrated to neighbors Pakistan, Iran, Eastern and Western countries. This process is still in continuing. The cases of immigrants depend on economical and security in Afghanistan. As you know the present condition of Afghanistan in South and East is not secure for citizens.

During my duty and staying in Jakarta, several Afghan legal and illegal refugees come to Jakarta then they decide to go to Australia and other countries. But, unfortunately some of them were arrested by immigration and local police. They are under custody or in jail or detention in different provinces of the Republic of Indonesia.

The IOM reports there are many Afghans and among of them are Iraqi, Pakistani, Iranian and Myanmar refugees. They are coming under name of Afghan citizens and they also want to go to Australia but after they are arrested in Indonesia under custody of police and immigration offices.

Up to now about four hundred-seventy (470) people have been deported from Jakarta back to Afghanistan using temporary documents. This process is still continuing by Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Jakarta.

The sources of illegal transformation by Afghan refugees travel to Jakarta are not clear. They are not sure which network has arranged. Their travel I think that met belong to a strong international network. This is active in Afghanistan and in Indonesia.

As I am Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Jakarta such kind evidence concerns me. From which points of the Republic of Indonesia ask about the conditions of Afghan refugees. Where they are? Maybe in the forest or sunk in the sea or arrested by police and immigration offices. We announced officially that several times our Government is preventing Afghans from coming to the Republic of Indonesia. I hope in this summit in Bali will provide better conditions for Afghan refugees. We do not hear again of their voices from jail, detention, forest and seas.

I hope in this meeting the drafts any legal acts any be useful for Afghan refugees and other countries.

Thank you for your attention.

Bismillah Bismil

Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.