



Pakistan Launch of the

JOINT DECLARATION ON REGIONAL PEACE & STABILITY AFGHANISTAN'S REGION: 2014 AND BEYOND

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Background

The planned withdrawal of ISAF from Afghanistan, to be completed by the end of 2014, presents an opportunity for Afghanistan's direct and regional neighbours to strengthen their roles in securing the future of Afghanistan. A peaceful stabilization of the conflict in Afghanistan is key to securing the fragile region from current and future threats. As such, the process has to be based on constructive regional cooperation between Afghanistan and its neighbours.

Regional Project

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) initiated in 2012 its regional project "Envisioning a Secure and Independent Afghanistan Post 2014: Perspectives and Strategies for Constructive Conflict Resolution from the Neighbourhood" to facilitate national and regional discussions for shaping policy recommendations designed to support a peaceful and prosperous Afghanistan.

Joint Declaration on Regional Peace and Stability

The project brought together around 60 multidisciplinary experts, former officials and specialists from Afghanistan, China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan, who envisaged assisting the governments of concerned countries as well as the relevant regional and global actors. They, bearing in mind the interests of their respective countries and after having held regular deliberations, announced their **Joint Declaration on Regional Peace and Stability in Afghanistan Region -2014 and Beyond** in Istanbul in November 2013. Based on common objectives and shared interests, the Declaration presents a joint narrative and postulates a set of recommendations, together with an outlook of their possible future implementation and monitoring, with the aim of successfully rendering Afghanistan's 2014 transition during the ensuing 2014 – 2024 Decade of Transformation.

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