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President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden Greetings of Peace,

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We are writing to urge you not to lengthen the war in Afghanistan any further and lead the effort for peace as the only solution to the 15 year war and deep crisis that the Afghan people have been engulfed under. Some statistics clearly show the nature of the ongoing crisis namely, the number of internally displaced Afghans has increased nearly 100% in the last three years to 1.2 million , some thing experienced only during the Soviet war a generation ago. More than 178,000 young educated Afghans that could one day rebuild Afghanistan have left the country risking every thing including their lives on the war to Europe during the same period.

These and many other forms of crisis are the legacy of this war. These crisis can only be solved through peace, not more war, not keeping US and NATO troops without a clear mandate to work for peace. We are urging all parties to consider the significance of our appeal.

There are those who argue for more war making and longer occupation as the solution. They tend to ignore that this war against Afghanistan has already become the longest war that the US has ever fought with massive expenditures of over \$1 trillion and much loss of life without achieving the goals that such individuals or groups have enunciated in their demands for not withdrawing US troops. Political stability has never been achieved in Afghanistan through the use of force. Rural Afghanistan where more than 80% of the people live has never accepted

foreign values and occupation. Afghanistan cannot be transformed into submissive urbanites.

We strongly hope that your Administration takes on the road to peace as the only solution in Afghanistan. We urge all warring parties to seek peace, end of war, and occupation as the only road for the betterment of all. This has been the demand of the vast majority of the American people and the Afghan people for some time.

With Prayers for Peace and Justice During This Holy Month of Ramazan