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WHEREAS the United States of America and the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan are close allies with far-reaching ties relating to combating terrorism, improving living standards of the poor, enhancing access to women's education, and protecting democracy; and,

WHEREAS these relations are further bolstered by the already minimal U.S. presence in Afghanistan, allowing the United States to pursue counter-terrorism operations while lending security and stability to the people of Afghanistan; and,

WHEREAS due to varying political leanings of the different holders of the Presidency of the United States, the future of the protection of Afghan democracy by the United States is uncertain,

WHEREAS steps must therefore be taken to ensure that the Afghan people can defend themselves effectively and on short notice such that a loyal ally does not fall to terrorists:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Adith Manikandan Uttara Suryaganesh, President of the United States, under and by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, statutes, and treaties of the United States of America, and as Commander-In-Chief of the armed forces, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

- (1) This Order serves to ensure that the Afghan National Army can operate self-sufficiently in the short- and long-term in response to an evolving threat horizon.
- (2) Analyses conducted internally by Department of Defense planners have demonstrated that should a President of the United States make a sudden decision to withdraw from Afghanistan, the ANA would be unable to carry out combat operations in the manner that

- it normally does aided by strong air support, akin to American operations in the Afghan and Iraqi combat theaters.
- (3) Therefore it is critical that American-owned aircraft repair and maintenance infrastructure providing services to the ANA be gradually replaced with Afghan-owned, indigenous contractors.

SECTION 2: INSTRUCTIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

- (1) The Secretary of Defense, or any individual acting provisionally in that role, shall begin talks with the ANA on transferring existing contract work on aircraft and other combat infrastructure from American contractors to Afghan engineers and contractors.
- (2) The Secretary of Defense is directed to utilize OCO/GWOT funds from the Department of Defense's budget to provide the Afghan government with funds to recruit Afghan aerospace engineers and mechanics.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATES

(1) This Executive Order shall come into effect immediately upon its publication in the Federal Register.

Adith_MUSG 47th President of the United States