

**Senior Official Meeting of 'Heart of Asia'- Istanbul Process, Beijing, 30 October 2014**  
**Summary of the Meeting**

The Fourth Senior Officials meeting of the 'Heart of Asia'- Istanbul Process, following the 'Heart of Asia' Ministerial Conference in Almaty was hosted by the People's Republic of China on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014 in Beijing. The meeting commenced with opening remarks by the co-chairs Mr. Liu Zhenmin, Vice Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China and remarks from, Mr. Hekmat Khalil Karzai, Presidential Representative for coordination of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference in Beijing. The first session of the meeting was attended by representatives from 14 'Heart of Asia' countries and the United Nations.

The objective of the meeting was to continue discussion on 6 articles of the 4<sup>th</sup> 'Heart of Asia'-Istanbul Process Draft Declaration which were not agreed upon during the 'Heart of Asia'- Istanbul Process Ambassadors meeting on 23 October 2014 in Kabul and were subsequently referred to the Senior Officials Meeting in Beijing. The Heart of Asia participating countries commenced discussion on the text of the Draft Declaration and exchanged views and comments on the text.

The second session was joined by 16 Supporting countries and 12 regional and International organizations in the second session. In this session, the co-chair of the meeting, Mr. Karzai, briefed the participants about the discussion of the participating countries on the draft text and informed about the agreed text of the declaration. The supporting countries and organizations provided their comments on the draft text for consideration. After deliberation and consideration of views of all countries and organizations, the final text of the declaration was finally agreed upon and the declaration was ready for endorsement by the Ministerial Conference on 31 October 2014.