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Note for Correspondents

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Telephone call from Sayed Hamid Karzai, Pashtun Leader in Southern Afghanistan to the Second Plenary of the UN Talks on Afghanistan, Bonn, 27 November 2001

- We are one nation, one culture,
- We are united, not divided,
- We all believe in an Islam that is a religion of tolerance,
- We have been made extremely poor and vulnerable, but we are a strong people who would like to assert our will and our sense of self-determination,
- So we can really live in an environment of brotherhood and mutual respect.
- This meeting is the path towards salvation. All people I've talked to believe in a Loya Jirga as the vehicle for bringing in a legitimate government.
- The Interim Authority is a means of getting to a Loya Jirga.