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## US Secretary of State Kerry to Travel to Belgium & Meet Afghan President Ghani

### Afghanistan Conference October 4 to 6

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ABOUT THE AFGHANISTAN CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN BRUSSELS ON OCTOBER 5-----

On 5 October, the European Union and the government of Afghanistan will co-host the Brussels Conference on Afghanistan. This conference will gather up to 70 countries and 20 international organizations and agencies. It will provide a platform for the government of Afghanistan to set out its vision and track record on reform. For the international community, it will be the opportunity to signal sustained political and financial support to Afghan peace, state-building and development.

Donald Tusk, President of the European Council, High Representative Federica Mogherini and Neven Mimica, European Commissioner for Development Cooperation, will represent the European Union. President Ashraf Ghani and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Abdullah Abdullah will represent Afghanistan. Source EU

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