<u>Press Releases: Special Representative</u> <u>for Afghanistan Reconciliation Zalmay</u> <u>Khalilzad Travel to Afghanistan,</u> <u>Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates,</u> <u>Qatar, and Saudi Arabia</u>

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Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad will lead an interagency delegation to Afghanistan, Pakistan, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia from October 4-14.

Special Representative Khalilzad's mission is to coordinate and lead U.S. efforts to bring the Taliban to the negotiating table. He will do so in close coordination with the Afghan government and other stakeholders, exploring how best to reach a negotiated settlement to the conflict.

The trip is his first visit following his appointment as Special Representative and reflects the Administration's intent to support, facilitate, and participate in a peace process in Afghanistan.

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