## <u>Security Council strongly condemns</u> <u>terrorist attacks across Afghanistan</u>

18 October 2017 — The United Nations Security Council has strongly condemned a wave of terrorist attacks in Afghanistan that killed at least 70 people and injured more than 200.

"The members of the Security Council condemn in the strongest terms the heinous and cowardly terrorist attacks that took place in Paktia, Ghazni and Kabul," said a <u>press statement</u> issued by the 15-member body on Tuesday.

The Taliban has claimed responsibility for the attacks that reportedly targeted police and Government facilities across the country.

The Council also reaffirmed that terrorism in all its forms and manifestations constitutes one of the most serious threats to international peace and security and that all States need to combat such threats by all means.

The Council also underlined the need to bring perpetrators, organizers, financiers and sponsors of these acts to justice, urging all States to cooperate actively with the Government of Afghanistan and all other relevant authorities in this regard.

The Council expressed its deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the victims and to the Government of Afghanistan and wished a speedy and full recovery to those who were injured.