

# Afghanistan and Germany to work out Long-term Strategic Cooperation Agreement

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December 6, 2011-German Chancellor Angela Merkel declared her country was ready to negotiate with Afghanistan a document of long term strategic cooperation between the two countries.

She made the announcement at a press briefing with President Hamid Karzai after talks at the German chancellery on Tuesday.

To a question on the nature of the strategic partnership agreement, she said important areas of cooperation including training and in particular vocational training for the youth, help in exploration of Afghan natural resources in which Germany has plenty of experience and economic cooperation and other areas of interest.

On the terrorist attacks on the same day that killed many people in Kabul and Mazar-e-sharif, she said Germany was doing its best to help Afghanistan embark on a path towards a peaceful future.

She also reiterated her country's support to an Afghan-led peace process and said a political process can pave the way for an expanded security in Afghanistan.

President Karzai

Talking to reporters at the same joint briefing, President Karzai thanked German Chancellor for her condolences on the terrorist attacks in Afghanistan and said we together yesterday inaugurated an extremely important conference on Afghanistan that brought together more than a hundred countries and international organizations which indeed is a testimony to the steadfast friendship of Germany and the support Germany has always been ready to provide to Afghanistan.

The President said the adoption of the declaration was in favor of Afghanistan and a sign of commitment to the future of the Afghan people.