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<u>Title : Mr. Speaker welcomes His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Youn us Qanooni, President of Afghanistan's Wolesi Jirga (</u> <u>Lower House of Parliament) and the Members of the Afghan Parliamentary Delegation.</u>

MR. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, at the outset, I have to make a happy announcement.

On behalf of the hon. Members of the House and on my own behalf, I have great pleasure in welcoming His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Younus Qanooni, President of Afghanistan's Wolesi Jirga (Lower House of Parliament) and the Members of the Afghan Parliamentary Delegation who are on a visit to India as our honoured guests.

They arrived in India on Saturday, 14 February, 2009. They are now seated in the Special Box. We wish them a happy and fruitful stay in our country. Through them, we convey our greetings and best wishes to His Excellency the President, the Parliament, the Government and the friendly people of Afghanistan.

11.02 hrs.

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