

# Afghanistan: Transition and Partnership\*

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## Resumo

### Afeganistão: Transição e Parceria

Os pontos de viragem raramente são aparentes à época, por mais inevitáveis que eles possam parecer aos historiadores. Desconhece-se se o ponto de viragem no Afeganistão já passou, mas o progresso efectuado em 2010 e 2011 deu-nos a oportunidade de persistir neste esforço e levá-lo a bom termo. Ainda que exista um longo e árduo caminho a percorrer, se continuarmos determinados esse caminho conduzirá a um Afeganistão mais estável e a um mundo mais seguro objectivos pelos quais muitos sacrificaram tanto.

## Abstract

*Turning points are rarely apparent at the time, however inevitable they seem to historians. It is unknown whether the turning point in Afghanistan has passed, but the progress made in 2010 into 2011 has provided the opportunity to see this effort through to a successful conclusion. While there will still be a long hard road ahead, by remaining resolute, that road will lead to the stable Afghanistan and safer world for which so many have sacrificed so much.*

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