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Our Principles

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In light of President Obama's vision for ending the war in Afghanistan, and considering the detrimental effect on US efforts to securing lasting peace in the region and diffusing the threat of international terrorism caused by the presence of US military troops in Afghanistan, we believe that the United States must reorient its commitment to the Afghan government and people, in a manner that will benefit both the Afghan and American people, by promoting:

1. **Rigorous regional diplomacy.** After 9 years of war, it is evident that our military presence alone is insufficient to bring peace to Afghanistan. In order to achieve success, the US must broaden its efforts to encompass other key players who are necessary to achieving a diplomatic consensus – including Pakistan, India, Iran and Russia – to secure a long-term regional peace.
2. **Swift redeployment of the US military.** The increase in military presence in Afghanistan has inflamed anti-American resentment in the region, which has compromised US efforts in the region and the greater Middle East.