Can Heart of Asia Conference be a New Beginning?

There are expectations that the Fifth Heart of Asia Ministerial Conference (Istanbul Process) in Islamabad will pave the way for the realization of the Afghan peace process. The Conference will start today and the Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif are expected to jointly inaugurate it. However, the conference was preceded by the Senior Officials Meeting in Pakistan.

Pakistani Prime Minister’s Advisor on Foreign Affairs, Sartaj Aziz, said in a press release: “We are looking forward to the participation of high-level delegations of the five Heart of Asia countries. This Conference will start today and the Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif are expected to jointly inaugurate it. It has been on the agenda of the last few meetings of the conference that the Afghan government has initiated an initiative called ‘Heart of Asia’ conference on Afghanistan. Pakistan has long supported the idea of a regional conference on Afghanistan, in which the participants will discuss the security, economic and trade partnership between Afghanistan and Pakistan. The conference will start today and the Afghan President Ashraf Ghani and Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif are expected to jointly inaugurate it.

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