Iran has also contributed more than its fair share to the region's narcotics efforts in the last decade. It is no figment of the imagination for residents of the Kehel, a town close to the border with Afghanistan, to talk of their daily struggle against the spread of licit and illicit drugs. They are not alone in this. The president is expected to brief his ministerial counterparts, including those from China, Russia, Iran, Pakistan, and Afghanistan, on the progress in stabilizing the region. We need to move beyond the rhetoric of the past and focus on the results that will be achieved in the years to come. The people of Afghanistan, and the region, deserve nothing less.

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