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Future is grim for Afghanistan

From Mr Jorrit Kamminga.

Sir, The recently reported cuts in USAid funding for Afghanistan show that the fears that the country may lose a crucial part of its development aid after 2014 could be well founded.

The political reality is that the decrease of international military commitment, which is part of the current security transition process towards 2014, will not automatically lead to more international spending on the civilian side; quite the contrary in fact.

Therefore, while the post-2014 situation needs a “civilian surge” to build on the modest successes achieved by the military surge, the financial constraints and increasingly negative public opinion in Europe and North America will probably prevent this from happening, turning the immediate future for Afghanistan into a rather grim scenario.

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