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implementation of the revised strategy. The recommendations are buttressed by an extensive analysis of the drivers of conflict and stability in Afghanistan. The analysis is intended not only to clarify the complexity of the issues and the challenges ahead, but also to explain why we believe it is possible to reach the desired end state. Nonetheless, the challenges and the possibility of failure also compelled us to propose a set of alternative policy pathways that can form an iterative pathway forward should potential roadblocks impede the primary strategy we recommend. We hope that both the extensive analysis and the alternative pathways will prove useful to decisionmakers now and in the future.