



15 June 2024

His Excellency António Guterres
Secretary General of the United Nations
New York, NY, USA

Your Excellency,

We, a coalition of Afghan national movements, comprising a significant number of technocrats, politicians, diplomats, academics, scholars, human rights and women's rights activists, as well as youth representatives both within and outside Afghanistan, are pleased to observe that under your wise leadership, the United Nations has prioritized the plight of the people of Afghanistan, including the tragic situation of women and girls. We are also pleased to see that the success of the Doha process is given high priority on the agenda.

We appreciate Your Excellency's tireless efforts, and closely observe your endeavors in alleviating the suffering of the people of Afghanistan. We have witnessed the UN's engagement with the Taliban for the protection of human rights, as well as its emphasis on establishing an inclusive government, adherence to Afghanistan's international obligations, and ensuring equal rights before the law for Afghan citizens, regardless of gender, language, religious beliefs, region, or ethnicity. We fully support these initiatives and value your efforts.

Excellency,

In its letter dated February 19, 2024, our coalition detailed the disastrous situation currently prevailing in the country. The letter highlighted grave violations and abuses of human rights, particularly the irrational and unjust decrees of the de facto authority against women and girls, as well as the unimaginable level of

impoverishment faced by the people. We urged that the "intra-Afghan negotiations", to which the Taliban committed themselves in the peace agreement of February 25, 2020, with the United States of America, be held and supported in accordance with the spirit of UNSG resolution 2721, and that a legitimate government should be established.

In this letter, we will not delve into the details of those important priorities. However, it is crucial to note that the recent natural calamities, including the earthquake that occurred a few months ago and the recent floods, have exacerbated the already difficult situation for the people. These new realities necessitate closer attention and a greater level of humanitarian efforts and assistance for the people of Afghanistan.

The people of Afghanistan warmly welcome the convening of the third Doha meeting under the auspices of the United Nations, expressing hope that the deliberations and decisions of the meeting will lead to significant improvements in the situation of human rights, especially the rights and freedoms of women and girls. Our people are hopeful that the meeting will take concrete actions and practical steps towards implementing UN Security Council Resolution 2721 and recommendations of the independent assessment by Ambassador Feridun Sinirlioğlu.

In this regard, we specifically emphasize the imperative of achieving lasting peace in the country and ensuring Afghanistan's adherence to its international obligations towards its own people and the global community, as outlined by the resolution. We also strongly support the resolution's stipulation that the attainment of these goals should be a fundamental condition for the normalization of international relations with any government of Afghanistan and its full integration into the international community.

We also emphasize that the success of the Doha process in achieving these objectives is directly linked to the intra-Afghan dialogue recommended by the UNSC resolution and independent assessments. It is undeniable fact that the participation of the people of Afghanistan in the Doha process and dialogue is crucial. Therefore, we strongly urge the UN and the participants of the Doha meeting to support the participation of Afghan politicians, technocrats, and civil society leaders — both women and men — who enjoy credibility at both national and international levels.

With a view to the Taliban's opposition to the participation of other Afghan stakeholders in the meeting, the Doha meeting and its successors could initially hold

separate meetings with the two sides with the same agenda. This approach could continue until a conducive environment is established for the commencement of intra-Afghan dialogue. This will help assure the Afghan people that the Doha process progresses in accordance with the UNSC resolution.

Excellency,

The longstanding crisis in Afghanistan, spanning nearly half a century, is an international problem, it requires coordinated action among national, regional, and international actors.

The people of Afghanistan hope that the Doha process will effectively fulfill its key role in strengthening regional and international cooperation, thereby preventing disputes and conflicts elsewhere from undermining the international consensus achieved in UNSC Resolution 2721 regarding Afghanistan. Any attempt, whether at the national or international level, to deviate from the specified goals and objectives of the resolution will have negative and irreversible consequences for the common interests of Afghanistan, the region, and the global community.

Addressing this priority requires attention, cooperation, and a unified voice from all concerned countries, particularly the unity of the permanent members of the UN Security Council, in accordance with their mandate to secure and maintain international peace and stability.

The people of Afghanistan are hopeful that the participants of the Doha process will earnestly support the rightful aspirations of the Afghan people, especially women and girls, for the establishment of lasting peace and a legitimate government in the country. This government should be fully committed to upholding the fundamental rights and freedoms of the people, as well as Afghanistan's international obligations, demonstrating unwavering determination in both words and actions.

We reiterate that the consensus and cooperation among participating countries in the Doha process, especially among the permanent members of the UN Security Council, will be crucial to securing Taliban support for the UN Security Council Resolution and their cooperation with the Doha process. This will indeed ensure the mutual interests of Afghanistan, the region, and the international community.

We wish Your Excellency and the participants of the Doha meeting success in bringing positive change to the lives of the people of Afghanistan.

Please accept the assurance of our highest regard.

Names and signatures of the leaders of the Coalition of Afghanistan National Movements.