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Association for Coordination of Diplomats  
of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan



**To His Excellency Dr. Johann Wadephul,  
Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, the Federal Republic of Germany**

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Your Excellency,

It is our honor to address you on behalf of the Association for the Coordination of Diplomats of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, an organization established by current and former Afghan diplomats serving abroad.

The Association expresses its profound concern and disappointment regarding reports of the recent engagement of the German government with representatives of the Taliban, a group that remains unrecognized under international law and is widely condemned for its continued atrocities against the Afghan people, particularly women and ethnic minorities.

As diplomats of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and survivors of the Taliban's systemic violence, we find it not only incomprehensible but deeply troubling that a democratic state such as Germany, known globally for its unwavering commitment to human rights, gender equality, and international justice, would provide a platform to a regime whose governance has been marked by brutality, repression, and discrimination.

We wish to draw the attention of the Federal Foreign Office, among others, to the devastating terrorist attack of May 31, 2017, at Zandab Square in Kabul, which deliberately targeted the German Embassy as well as other diplomatic missions. This heinous act resulted in the deaths of more than 150 civilians and inflicted severe damage on German diplomatic personnel and infrastructure. It is profoundly troubling and difficult to comprehend that individuals associated with the perpetrators of such an atrocity could now be granted any form of official presence within the Federal Republic of Germany.

Under Taliban rule since August 2021, Afghan women have faced what multiple UN bodies and international human rights organizations have unequivocally labeled *gender apartheid*. Women and girls have been banned from secondary and higher education, barred from employment in most sectors, forbidden from



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traveling without a male guardian, and excluded from public and political life. These acts represent clear violations of Afghanistan's obligations under international law, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and numerous UN Security Council Resolutions, including Resolution 1325 on women, peace, and security.

Reports by the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Afghanistan, Human Rights Watch, and Amnesty International consistently confirm that the Taliban regime engages in systematic repression, arbitrary detention, torture, public floggings, and the suppression of freedom of expression. Recognizing or legitimizing such actors, even indirectly, risks emboldening terrorist movements worldwide and undermines the international human rights framework Germany has long championed.

On behalf of the thousands of Afghans who sought safety in Germany, and in solidarity with millions of Afghans, especially women, who remain trapped under a regime of terror, we strongly urge the German government to:

1. Refrain from any form of official engagement or recognition of Taliban representatives, particularly on German soil.
2. Reaffirm Germany's enduring commitment to international law and universally recognized human rights standards, with particular emphasis on the protection and promotion of the rights of Afghan women and girls.
3. Support mechanisms for international accountability, including independent investigations into war crimes and crimes against humanity perpetrated by the Taliban.
4. Ensure that future policy decisions reflect and are responsive to the testimonies and lived experiences of Afghan victims and human rights advocates.
5. Underscore the necessity of establishing an inclusive and representative government in Afghanistan—one that upholds its international obligations to safeguard human rights, women's rights, and the security of all citizens, including religious and ethnic minorities.

Germany has stood as a beacon of hope for the oppressed. We urge you not to dim that light by allowing the normalization of tyranny.

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