



In the name of God

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Declaration of Vienna Conference on Afghanistan

After the passage of more than a year since the collapse of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the Taliban takeover of power, the crisis ridden situation of the country is not acceptable to the overwhelming majority of the people of Afghanistan, the region and the world. National and international efforts to create an inclusive, responsible and accountable government have not yet yielded results, and the Taliban administration continues to insist on monopoly, totalitarianism, and rejection to the creation of a government elected by the people's will.

This situation calls upon the people of Afghanistan once again to fulfill their historical and national responsibility to create a law-abiding, pluralistic and democratic Islamic system. In such a difficult situation, we are trying to make the Vienna Conference a good start for a great national and democratic discursive process to solve the crises of Afghanistan.

With gratitude to the Austrian Institute for International Affairs, which provided the platform for the meeting between Afghans from September 15-17 in Vienna, we, the participants of this conference, considering:

- Increasing humanitarian disaster and economic crisis in the country;
- Lack of national and international legitimacy of governance system;
- Isolation of Afghanistan;
- Continuous violation of human and citizenship rights, especially the systematic exclusion of women;
- imposing restrictions on girls' education and the women's right to work;
- Arbitrary detentions, targeted killings, torture and extrajudicial trials, war crimes and crimes against humanity;
- Expansion of the activities of regional and international terrorist groups;
- Systematic denial of freedom of speech, freedom of media and civil and political rights;
- Structural discrimination, totalitarianism and disregarding Afghanistan's social diversity;
- Abolition of national laws and clear violation of international obligations and UN resolutions;
- Absence of an inclusive political process and national dialogue.

After three days of exchange of views on achieving sustainable peace and stability, ensuring the fundamental rights of citizens, creating a political system based on people's will, consolidating national unity and social justice, we have agreed on the following points:

1. We consider the Vienna Conference to be the start of a meaningful political process among all national political and civil movements, parties and activists to develop and consolidate a common vision that will lead to the formation of a comprehensive and alternative political structure;
2. Solving the country's problem through political dialogue is our preferred option, and in this way we will pursue all the necessary tools within the framework of international laws;



3. To realize the above, we emphasize on the key role of the United Nations and the countries of the region and the world;
4. We support the resistance of the people of Afghanistan in order to realize their legitimate and rightful demands;
5. We support the historical and rightful struggle of the heroic women of Afghanistan;
6. We support regional integration with the neighboring and regional countries based on mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and non-interference in each other's affairs;
7. We ask the countries of the region and the world to cooperate in providing the opportunity for creating a democratic and national governance system in Afghanistan;
8. We kindly request the continuation and increase of direct world aid to all the peoples throughout Afghanistan and the creation of a transparent monitoring mechanism for the fair distribution of aid;
9. With the return of the Taliban and their support for the expansion of the presence and activities of regional and international terrorist groups in Afghanistan, we ask regional countries and the international community to act in the fight against terrorism without exclusion and in doing so keeping in mind the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council;
10. We ask the United Nations and human rights organizations to document human rights violations and crimes against humanity, publish them and seek justice for the victims, and pay more attention in monitoring the implementation of the UN sanctions regime against the Taliban;
11. We demand the reopening of girls' secondary and high schools immediately and without interfering with the curriculum;
12. We welcome the regional and global consensus not to recognize the Taliban regime until the establishment of a government based on the will of the people of Afghanistan.

We request Austria and other friendly countries to continue their support to pave the way for holding such meetings and we create a working group to follow up on the above mentioned points of agreement.

God bless you