

To the United Nation Security Council, The European Union,
The Russian Federation and The British Foreign Ministry,

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As you are well aware, sixteen months have passed and no country in the world has recognized Afghanistan as a legitimate state due to the harsh measures taken against the people of Afghanistan, the violation of their human rights, and the atrocities committed against Afghan women by the Taliban regime. The Taliban are not following the human rights declaration, nor the Islamic human rights declaration signed in 1981 by Muslim countries in Paris. In the last Russian conference, the so called "The Russian Format," November 16, 2022, again, the member countries showed concern about the spell of terrorism to their border and the illegal export of opium by the Taliban. Afghan women have an incredibly difficult time as they are regularly abused, are prosecuted for not following the Taliban's harsh measures or any legal justification, and field courts are continued around the country. Schools are closed for Afghan girls which is completely against not only human rights, but also Islamic rights for women. Although some countries are committed to help the Afghan people financially, all those resources are consumed by the Taliban. The distribution of those resources are in the hands of the Taliban and nothing is reaching the people of Afghanistan. The country is technically starving, suffering and faced with very harsh conditions.

The Taliban is not a legitimate power. They took power by force and not by the consent of the people. They imposed their brand of Islam which is unknown to all schools of thoughts in Islam and contemporary Muslim scholars. There is no mutual understanding between the world body, Afghan people, or the Muslim scholars for their justification to hold power.

This author proposes an international conference on Afghanistan to declare the country neutral and non-aligned. By the rule of international law and order, the Taliban should be disarmed and a strong police force or international security force should be in place. Next, an election should be held by the people throughout the country under the supervision of the United Nations. All strata of Afghanistan society over the age of 18, both men and women, should participate in the election. We should start a semi-federal system of government so people in the provinces should have some autonomy such as their education, police force, legal system and election for all governmental entities.

The basis of creating a new government should be citizenship. Everyone, men, women, and whatever tribal or religious affiliation they may have, should be considered equal before the law. All tribes should be declared equal. All religious denominations should be declared equal. By the same token, men and women should be declared equal before the law. No more discrimination or biases on the basis of religious denomination, tribal affiliation, or gender.

Afghanistan is a Muslim country and we can't deny this fact of life in our political system, but religion according to the Qur'an, cannot be imposed. The purpose of a Muslim government is not to impose religion or control people's mind and behavior, but to establish security, a strong economy, and provide an atmosphere of learning and education for all people, regardless of their age and gender.

I wish the year of 2023 is a year of peace and security for Afghanistan and the region.

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