



Permanent Mission of the I. R. of Afghanistan

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Mr. Chair,

At outset, I would like to thank UNHCR and particularly the High Commissioner for his continued support for the people of Afghanistan and also all the member states who provided protection to the citizens of Afghanistan during the past one since Taliban's military takeover. Our gratitude to the neighboring countries of Iran, Pakistan, Turkey and Tajikistan who are hosting the largest number of refugees.

Mr. Chair,

This meeting comes at very important juncture for the people of Afghanistan, like our brothers and sisters in Ukraine are in need of humanitarian assistance and protection more than any other time.

Afghanistan protracted conflict and crisis has entered its fifth decades and currently the people of Afghanistan are facing one of the world's most complex humanitarian crisis. Under the Taliban, the situation has further deteriorated, more than half of the population are in need of humanitarian assistance. As the winter is approaching the situation is going to get worse for millions of vulnerable people in Afghanistan.

Mr chair.

The provision of humanitarian assistance for the people of Afghanistan through UN agencies is vital in this difficult time. It is important that these humanitarian assistances directly provided to the vulnerable people without the interference and influence of the Taliban and in transparent, human right based, inclusive and effective delivery mechanism.

Mr. Chair,

While is there an opportunity for durable solution return and reintegration of conflict affected IDP's in the Southern region of the country, which need to be considered, a systematic forced displacement and eviction of Tajik and Uzbek communities from the north of the country is carried away by the Taliban authorities. Such forced displacements, as reported by independent human rights organization including the recent report of the special rapporteur on Afghanistan, are in violation to basic human rights and further fuels ethnic tensions.

Mr. Chair,

Since last year 72 ExCom, According to the various UN agencies, Human Rights watch and other credible reports thousand of Afghans in many provinces who were associated with the former government, including former civil servants, security forces personnel and members of the judiciary, human rights defenders, women's rights activists, high-profile women, journalists and other media workers, judges, have been killed, tortured, or disappeared.

Equal access to education to both boy and girls is a basic right, however, one year later, despite all good-will, the Taliban continue to deprive women and girls from education and work. However our, women and girls continue to demonstrate exceptional strength, courage, and resistance. Their dream of a better future is still alive.

Mr. Chair,

Seeking asylum is a Human right, and according to 1951 Refugee Convention, Afghans like other asylum seekers, have the right of apply for asylum and ask for protection. As it was mentioned here by several speakers, there is no good or bad refuge, real or fake refugee. There is just refuge who need to be protected and assessed on the bases of the international law.

Mr. Chair,

Unfortunately, today in some countries, we are witnessing that refugees are divided into good and bad refugees. They are treated as not the same and not all refugees have access to the same services. Afghans fleeing the country due to widespread persecution, torture, and extrajudicial killing under the Taliban and their terrorist affiliates are sometime treated differently. Many of them are waiting months and sometimes years and they are without any legal status and not provided with the basic social protection services. There are many cases where those who were deported and were arrested and disappeared as soon as they arrived at the borders and no one knows about their situation until now.

Mr. chair ,

I would end by reiterating our appreciation to UNHCR and all those countries that assisted thousands during the evacuation and opened their doors for the citizens of Afghanistan. These young professional, activities, journalists, athletes, musicians and artist are the bests and rightest of our society and we hope they could one day return with more capacity and expertise to free and rebuild Afghanistan.

Thanks.