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Topic B: "Threats Women face in Afghanistan currently, Due to the Taliban Regime"



Welcoming letter

**"AMBITION IS THE PATH TO SUCCESS,
PERSISTENCE IS THE VEHICLE YOU ARRIVE IN".
BILL BRADLEY.**

Greetings delegates, we are very excited to welcome you to the 10th edition of the CFMUN. We hope you learn a lot in this UN WOMEN committee, remembering, that the future is in your hands. It is with great pleasure that we can say that you are fully prepared and ready to face future challenges. With creativity and action, you can do everything possible. Raise awareness, research, and always DO something about it. Don't forget to have fun!

Sincerely,
Elena and Regina



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I. Committee Background

In July 2010, the United Nations General Assembly created UN Women. UN Women is dedicated to the empowerment of women and gender equality. It is known as a global champion for women and girls, that accelerates progress in meeting their needs worldwide. This organization supports UN Member States as they set global standards for achieving gender equality, and works with governments and civil society to design laws, policies, programs, and services needed to ensure that the standards are effectively implemented and truly benefit women and girls worldwide. It is a dynamic and strong champion for women and girls, providing them with a powerful voice at the global, regional, and local levels.



UN Women, among other issues, works for the:

- Elimination of discrimination against women and girls.
- Empowerment of women.
- Achievement of equality between women and men.

II. Introduction to the Topic

Nowadays, women's rights are constantly fought due to the inequality that exists. The issue at hand, is that this disparity in gender impacts women's advancement in their work environment, their influence, and their daily lives in every conceivable manner.

This depends on the culture, the country, and what type of education the population has received. The primary concern, is the education they have received in Afghanistan regarding their worth, wherein they are essentially insignificant without a male companion. Since all the country posses this way of thinking, women are oppressed in unimaginable ways.

Firstly, they can not be seen walking alone in the streets, they need a chaperone at all times. Their hair, face, and whole body can not be seen by other men, just if they are family members or if they are their partners.

In the Taliban group, it is believed that women have no worth at all. The degrading they present to women is horrible and inhuman. The prevailing situation was that the rules were established according to their cultural norms. However, under the leadership of the Taliban group, the regulations were imposed with a heightened level of strictness.

Today these rules are still strictly obeyed, as the consequences that are given are unbearable. The women can be punished with methods such as beatings and stoning. Besides, women can be subjected to unconsensual sexual relationships,, kidnapping, and forced marriages by the Taliban.

This situation is so concerning, and we must take action and do something now. The Taliban group is so violent that even men are beaten simply for looking at the wrong people. This is why other countries are so afraid to go in and help.

III. Evolution of the Topic

Afghan women were educated and employed before the Taliban took control, especially in the capital city Kabul, and other cities across the country. At Kabul University, 50% of the students and 60% of the teachers were women. As well, most of the civilian government workers and doctors were women.

When the Taliban took power in Afghanistan, they instituted a system of gender that put Afghan women into a state of house arrest. Under these rules, women were stripped of all of their human rights, their work, public visibility, opportunity for education, voice, healthcare, and mobility. Likewise, if women break these rules, they are brutally beaten, publicly flogged, and could be murder for violating Taliban decrees.

Besides, the Taliban government declared that women were prohibited from work, and they could not leave their homes unless a male family member was with them.



In Kabul and other cities in Afghanistan, there were a few homeschools for girls operated in secret. Adding to this, women who had home schools were risking their lives or more vulnerable to suffer the consequences of these acts.



IV. Relevant Events

A. Panorama

- In 1997, the Taliban group took complete control of Afghanistan's capital, Kabul.
- In 2001, after the 9/11 terrorist attack, the United States started a military operation, leading to the ousting of the Taliban.
- In the following year, the Taliban group attacked the Afghan government and all the international groups that were left.
- In 2014, all international forces left the Afghan government to fight the Taliban alone.
- The Taliban group gained power, gaining multiple attacks on the government and civilians, and the conflict has intensified since then.



- In May 2021, the US government started withdrawing all its troops; they were completely gone by August 31, 2021.
- The Taliban started gaining more and more territory and eventually took control of the whole country by August 15th, 2021.
- They finally declared an Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, and they named themselves the government of Afghanistan. Mullah Mohammad Hassan Akhud as the prime minister and Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar the deputy prime minister. On September 7, 2021.
- A lot of Afghanistan have fled the country. There have been numerous reports of human rights violations.



- September 22, 2021. The UN had their annual meeting and a member of the Taliban government attended as the representative of the new government in Afghanistan.

B. Points of View

Culture and religion play a very important role in this issue, since the Taliban group is actually supported by their religion. That is how they justify all the violence they cause, so it is essential to educate people. The difficulty with this matter lies in the fact that the distinction between disrespecting a culture and providing individuals with valuable insights from other cultures and additional information is a delicate one. Therefore, individuals who are pursuing an education must exercise extreme caution.

The oppression that women receive in this culture, affects this issue most of all because women are used to being oppressed by men. Because men are not able to see women in just their eyes, it will be very difficult for them to change what they have learned from previous generations. One of the many examples of women's oppression is that they can not have jobs, they can not attend school, and they are not able to walk alone in the streets.

They can not socialize with men who are not inside their family, just their husband that is normally from an arranged marriage and from very young girls.

From a political perspective, the Taliban group is now the government of Afghanistan so they have complete control over the country affecting the population, firstly, because of the violence that they promote. The people who do not share the same ideas as the Taliban government will have a violent response to them, and the Taliban justify their violence and just respond with violence, because of their religious beliefs.

V. UN and External Actions

A. UN Actions

Right now, what UN Women is doing to help these women is to go and ground themselves in Afghanistan, and they support Afghan women and girls every day.

Their strategy in Afghanistan is centered on investing in Afghan women, by augmenting the help to the women's organizations and women humanitarian workers. Also, augmenting the saving lives services and investing in organizations of business led by women.

B. External Actions

Women for Afghan Women (WAW) is an organization that is dedicated to protecting and promoting the rights of Afghan women and girls in Afghanistan and New York.



After the Taliban took power in Afghanistan in 2021, Women for Afghan Women (WAW) has executed its resources and programming to help and protect Afghan women in all the ways possible, but with some security circumstances for the staff.

Right now, the organization is focused on providing humanitarian aid and awareness-raising, counseling, and training about gender violence among some vulnerable populations, in particular women, children, and their families.

They also have programs, children support centers, and humanitarian assistance projects. All of these have the same purpose, to help the children and Afghan women feel freer and more secure.



WAW's work in Afghanistan has been a really successful strategy. They have been really focused on the development and implementation of their programs. The organization uses their knowledge about their culture, traditions, etc. But when the Taliban took power this organization was forced to shutter these operations, but they are starting to do it again.



VI. Conclusion

It is important to prioritize the safety and empowerment of women and girls in Taliban-controlled areas. We must find ways to help and support these marginalized individuals while respecting cultural and religious differences. It provides access to education, health care and legal protections that protect their basic human rights. By cooperating with international organizations and humanitarian programs, we can develop policies that promote awareness and advocate for gender equality. By engaging with communities, we can work to challenge harmful beliefs and traditions that routinely mistreat women. Through targeted efforts, we can create safe spaces and provide psychosocial support for survivors of gender-based violence.

Furthermore, it is important to facilitate economic opportunities for women, to enable them to become financially independent and better able to cope with stressful situations.



This can be achieved through vocational training and microfinance programs, which will empower women to start their own businesses and contribute to their communities.

While long-term change in cultural norms can be challenging, it is important to continue to raise awareness and support organizations working toward gender equality. By encouraging partnerships around the world and advocating for women's rights, we can strive to bring about lasting change and improve the lives of these women and girls, ensuring their protection, freedom and opportunity are created protection of species.



VII. Committee Focus

When considering the possible solutions to the committee's topic, the following points must be considered:

- What was the role of the United States in this case, and how did it affect the people?
- How did the Taliban group get control of the Afghanistan government, what negotiations do you propose so that they leave the government's power?
- What short-term solutions do you consider that can be applied effectively immediately?
- What strategies can ensure the safety and rights of Afghan women and minorities?
- What efforts can be made to promote education, healthcare, and other basic services in areas of Afghanistan?

VII. Participation List

- Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- Belize
- Federative Republic of Brazil
- People's Republic of China
- Republic of Costa Rica
- Arab Republic of Egypt
- Republic of El Salvador
- French Republic
- Republic of Guatemala
- Republic of Honduras
- Republic of India
- Islamic Republic of Iran
- Republic of Iraq
- Kingdom of Morocco
- Republic of Nicaragua
- Republic of Panama
- Islamic Republic of Pakistan
- State of Qatar
- Russian Federation
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- Syrian Arab Republic
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



- United Mexican States
- United States of America
- Bolivian Republic of Venezuela

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