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Honorable Mario Draghi
Chairman G20
Prime Minister
Republic of Italy

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Subject: A letter to G20 extraordinary meeting - on behalf of millions of Afghans suffering and whose fate remains uncertain in Afghanistan.

Dear Chairman:

First, I would like to thank you on behalf of the people and the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Prague and express appreciation for the NATO members and United Nations' economic, security, and development cooperation for the past twenty years Afghanistan. We also pay gratitude to the victims in the fight against terrorism and the elimination of common threats.

Second, I am writing to remind you that millions of Afghans are suffering and whose fate remains uncertain.

These millions of Afghans question who to blame for the swift collapse of the democratically elected Afghan Government after 20 years of war? Who is responsible for the current humanitarian and economic crisis in the country? United States President Joe Biden, former President Donald Trump, Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, Pakistan's military, the exiled Afghan Government, the Taliban, or the other members of the international community, who now appear to have walked away. Afghans are now experiencing one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world.

It is clear that Pakistan fueled the war in Afghanistan and played a double game. Pakistan's intervention severely ruined the country's government system, the Afghan National Army, and achievements of the last twenty years. At the same time, the so-called Doha agreement between the United States and the Taliban paved the way for the Taliban to gain false credibility and legitimacy and pernicious effect on the Afghan Government and military. Finally, immediate and irresponsible withdrawal announcements caused the catastrophe, which impacted millions of people to suffer and undergo sacrifices.



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All have been witnesses to the strange things that happened in Afghanistan in the past months. The most significant change; Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan, the national flag changed from black, red and green to white. These significant changes were hard to imagine until three months ago.

The situation in Afghanistan is extremely worrying and is highly critical. It has been more than a month and a half since the Taliban took over power in Afghanistan. Unemployment has risen, and hunger has become very frustrating. Various statistics show that more than 90% of people struggle with hunger. The poverty rate is spiraling, the basic public services are almost close to collapse and at the same time, Afghanistan faces a severe drought – the second to hit the country in four years. Many people have already run out of food items while the winter is approaching.

As per the UN-OCHA reports, recurrent natural disasters, chronic poverty, drought and the COVID-19 pandemic have left more than 18 million people in Afghanistan in need of humanitarian assistance. The recent escalation in conflict and the resulting upheaval have exacerbated needs and further complicated an extremely challenging operational context.

The UNICEF reported that the humanitarian situation in Afghanistan has deteriorated in recent months due to the conflict with the political power shift, COVID-19, and drought. Even at the onset of 2021, nearly 10 million children need humanitarian assistance.

Due to an escalation of conflict across the country, many people were displaced in Kabul and other large cities, seeking safety from the conflict and other threats. In addition, UNHCR published a report that the newest wave of conflict has forced more than half a million people from their homes so far in 2021. The crisis is taking a heavy toll on women and children, who make up 80% of Afghanistan's internally displaced people. Alongside homelessness and the threat of violence, displaced Afghans are facing drought, food scarcity, COVID-19 and a health system at breaking point.

ICRC officials warned of a collapse of the health system in Afghanistan and more than 2,000 health facilities have been closed. Afghanistan is also in dire need of medicines.

A Norwegian aid agency reported that Afghanistan's economy is on the verge of collapse. In addition, the European Union reported that Afghanistan's economic and social systems are on the brink of collapse and warns that a humanitarian catastrophe could occur if economic problems are not appropriately addressed.



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Excellency,

We have an opportunity to prevent further violence, prevent Afghanistan from descending into a civil war and becoming a pariah state. That is why I am appealing to you.

In this challenging humanitarian crisis, the people of Afghanistan need a lifeline and the International Community to stand with them firmly. We strongly and insistently request and demand to act swiftly and urgently to prevent more deaths and migration and reduce suffering. In this important meeting, we want to bring to your all attention the most profound concern for the people of Afghanistan that a severe humanitarian crisis would ensue without foreign aid to Afghanistan.

URGENT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

The people of Afghanistan expect the International Community to stand with Afghanistan to preserve the achievements of the past 20 years.

To mobilize urgent humanitarian assistance and protection to millions of people in need by emphasizing the principle of the International Community's involvement to provide development assistance and strengthen and improve the public health services in Afghanistan.

The majority of government employees face many problems because their salaries are not paid. We call on the World Bank and other partners to resume and urgently pay the salaries of the public servant of the Government of Afghanistan to support their families and continue public services.

At the same time, it is necessary to establish a proper mechanism and monitoring system for delivering and distribution of aids to prevent losses and corruption.

IDPS AND MIGRATION

IDPs urgently need your support. As winter approaches, please help people displaced inside Afghanistan and prevent their fleeing to the neighboring countries, especially Pakistan. To prevent future terrorism, assist IDPs in sending them back safely to their homes. At the same time, we insistently ask the International Community to stop immigrant support and fund to facilitate in the neighboring countries; otherwise, in the near future, these camps will convert to new a safe haven and training centers for terrorism.



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AFGHANISTAN'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEM

Afghanistan faces a development emergency; the International Community has to resume the development funding to protect and preserve the progress of the two last decades and continue building the important infrastructures to create job opportunities for the people. At the same time, along with the humanitarian assistance, the people and country need your support for long-term development and sustainability.

The international community must find ways to contribute to economic development to prevent the country's economy from collapsing, which will have devastating consequences and only affect the people of Afghanistan.

The country cannot run on charity; the people of Afghanistan need the International Community's support and funding for economic growth, employment, poverty alleviation to improve education, health, and basic public services. It is also important to mention to preserve the last two decades' achievement and further pave the way to retain, develop and sustain.

AFGHAN WOMEN AND GIRLS' EDUCATION

It is tough time again for the women of Afghanistan and throughout history, the central role of women in the society has ensured nations' stability, progress, and development. The Afghan women have taken active participation for a better future. They have contributed with diligence, honesty, talent, knowledge, leadership and discipline. The new government form of education for girls and women will be permitted. Still, those parameters have not been clearly defined and are likely to severely restrict education for girls and women despite the Taliban's claims that schooling will eventually resume.

Therefore, the international community and the United Nations should use every means at their disposal to:

Call and pressure on the Taliban government to assure Afghan girls and women not to lose their freedom to go to school, work, and participate in its political, economic, and social life.

Women make half of every and Afghan society -their role is essential in all parts of life; therefore, the Taliban should ensure resuming a proper female education in the country. We ask the International Community to continue its support for the education and health sector.



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Excellency,

Afghans are tired of war and terrorism. Afghanistan entered a new phase with the International Community; in this new phase, the International Community must not forget the people of Afghanistan. Its humanitarian, economic, and development do not burn in political and security issues.

One crucial issue the International Community had failed to recognize Pakistan's dual policy during the last 20-year mission in Afghanistan that the Taliban and the terrorist groups were regulating in Pakistan. We want the International Community to deal directly with Afghanistan and not involve Pakistan anymore in any Afghanistan-related issue.

To counter common threats, including terrorism, extremism, narcotics, organized crimes, and its consequences, to prevent a new wave of migration to the West, including Europe, and preserve the human rights' achievements, women's rights, girls' education, and freedom of speech, the international community must stand with the people of Afghanistan and continue its cooperation.

Honorable chairman, we are sending you this letter with a hope that the International Community must stand with Afghanistan and consider the requested items.

The people of Afghanistan and the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Prague avail themselves of this opportunity to renew the G20 members and United Nations for the assurances of its highest consideration.

Respectfully yours,

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