

Joint declaration by Afghan women's protest movements and other Afghan NGO

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To the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany

Chancellor Olaf Scholz

Interior Minister Nancy Faeser

Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock

To the executive bodies of the Federal Reception Program for Afghanistan (BAP)

To the political parties in Germany

To the media

Please continue the Federal Admission Program for Afghanistan!

The Federal Admission Program Afghanistan (Bundesaufnahmeprogramm Afghanistan, BAP) aimed to protect particularly vulnerable people who have campaigned for democracy, peace and human rights from the violence and revenge of the Taliban, who have been running an Islamist emirate in Afghanistan since 2021. Especially for us women, who are systematically discriminated against and deprived of their rights by the Taliban's misogynistic laws, but also for other endangered and vulnerable people, the BAP was the only hope for protection and security.

With the end of the legislative period, the BAP will also come to an end. We have heard that the federal government still in office only wants to help the approximately 2,000 people who have already been accepted for admission and are in the visa process at the German embassy in Islamabad. This would mean that around 17,000 people who have already been selected and contacted in the program but have not yet received an acceptance letter will be left in the lurch. These people have put all their hope in Germany and have already given up everything, and they are waiting in Afghanistan in uncertainty and fear for help from Germany. This would also mean that hundreds of particularly vulnerable women from our organisations, for whom applications were submitted to the BAP and who were not considered, would not receive any protection and would sooner or later become victims of serious human rights violations.

Many of our fighters have already fled to neighboring countries. But we have no chance of a dangerous escape to Europe, where we could receive refugee protection. We are not safe in neighboring countries, especially Iran and Pakistan. We continue to rely on help from Western countries that adhere to human rights and international refugee law. The current visa policy of the Pakistani government, with the subsequent deportations of Afghan citizens in need of protection, is a violation of the Geneva Refugee Convention. Without examining our reasons for protection, many people are being punished with deportation to Afghanistan for the conflicts with the Taliban, from which we had to flee.

We therefore ask and demand of you:

- 1. Accelerate the admission process at the German Embassy in Islamabad and ensure the fastest possible admission of those who have already received an acceptance letter**
- 2. Continue to grant admissions under the Federal Reception Programme Afghanistan (BAP)**
- 3. Work to ensure that the Federal Reception Program Afghanistan is continued in the new legislative period or that another program is created for vulnerable people from Afghanistan. In particular, make it possible for particularly active and at-risk women and other vulnerable people who have not yet received protection from Germany to be admitted**

4. Urge the government of Pakistan to ensure that Pakistan adheres to international legal standards, allows tolerable living conditions for Afghan refugees and refrains from deportations to Afghanistan

5. Do not recognize the Islamist, misogynistic and lawless Taliban regime and do not deport anyone there

We have heard that there are political parties in Germany that do not want any human rights protection programs at all. We hope that the German population will only vote for parties that base their policies on international human rights standards. We thank the German government and the German population for their willingness to accept people in need of protection in the past and hope that this will also be possible in the future.

Signatures

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Afghanistan's Valorous Women Spontaneous Movement

Association of Judges

Unity and solidarity of Afghanistan women

Afghanistan Women's Light of Freedom Movement

Spontaneous Movement of Protesting Women of Afghanistan

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