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Official Statement of the Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Bonn Regarding the Acceptance of Taliban's envoy by the Federal Republic of Germany and the Handover of the Consulate General to a Representative of this Group

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The Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Bonn has proudly and responsibly served Afghan citizens within its consular area of responsibility. Over the years, this Mission has also played a central role as a hub for technical and consular support to Afghanistan's diplomatic and consular missions across the European Union, Canada, the United States, and Australia.

Since August 2021, in the face of tremendous political and operational challenges, the Consulate has remained steadfast in its commitment to delivering transparent, professional, and apolitical services, in line with the Constitution and other laws of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to our fellow Afghans.

By maintaining its professional independence, the Mission has also continued to support other Afghan representations in providing high-standard technical and consular services to Afghan citizens residing in the EU, Canada, the United States, and Australia.

Over the past four years, sensitive information and documents belonging to hundreds of thousands of Afghan citizens, particularly those evacuated through resettlement and humanitarian programs to Europe, Canada, the United States, and Australia, have been securely stored at this Mission. These records have been protected with strict technical and ethical safeguards and, under no circumstances, have they been shared with the Taliban regime.

Furthermore, this Mission has long served as a secure archive for critical documents and communications of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Afghan diplomatic missions worldwide.

In view of recent decisions by the host country to resume the deportation of certain Afghan national, and amid increasing pressure on this Consulate General, the German government has proceeded to accept two individuals nominated by the Taliban as accredited diplomats. While we acknowledge the sovereign decisions of



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the host country, this development is deeply concerning given the Taliban's continued lack of international recognition and its exclusion from the United Nations. It also raises important questions about the future of diplomatic engagement and adherence to established international norms.

One of these individuals is now expected to assume control of this Mission in Bonn, including its central coordinating role in providing consular and technical services to Afghan missions across Europe, North America, and Australia.

Given our unwavering commitment to the values of democracy, human rights, and fundamental freedoms, particularly the right of women to education and the protection of ethnic and religious minorities, and in light of the Taliban's lack of internal legitimacy, its continued exclusion from the United Nations, and the absence of formal recognition both domestically and internationally, we find it impossible to continue serving under these new circumstances.

Following to the host country's decision and in refusal to legitimize the diplomatic mission of an illegitimate group's representatives, the leadership and entire staff of the Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in Bonn have decided to tender their collective resignation, effective immediately.

All diplomatic properties, including archives, equipment, and premises, which belong to the people of Afghanistan and have been entrusted to us, is handing over to the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, in accordance with the Vienna Conventions of 1961 and 1963 on Diplomatic and Consular Relations. We trust that these materials will be safeguarded until such time as a legitimate and inclusive government is established in Afghanistan.

The Consulate General of Afghanistan in Bonn expresses its heartfelt gratitude to the Afghan community residing in Germany. Over the past four years, your support, trust, and cooperation have been a source of strength and encouragement for this Mission. Despite difficult circumstances, your patience, understanding, and continued engagement allowed us to fulfill our responsibilities with purpose and dignity. Serving you has been both an honor and a profound responsibility, and we remain inspired by your resilience, unity, and unwavering commitment to a better future for Afghanistan.



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We also extend our deep appreciation to all partner institutions, organizations, and individuals in the host country for their collaboration, trust, and goodwill throughout the course of this historic mission.

We remain hopeful that Afghanistan will soon witness the return of a government grounded in the will of its people, committed to justice, equality, and peace.

With deep respect and appreciation, Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Bonn