



NO TO GENDER APARTHEID IN AFGHANISTAN!

To: European Parliament Members:

We, a group of organizations and women's rights activists, human rights activists, Politicians and Afghan civil society activists, have marched from Berlin to Brussels, through many European cities over the past few days. In every city we marched through, we have seen an outpouring of support and solidarity.

We did not celebrate World Women's Solidarity Day on the 8th of March in prosperous circles in luxurious indoor places, because our voices may not be heard by the world because of high walls and ceilings, we marched together for Justice! While millions of our sisters who live under the Taliban rule are unable to raise their voices – because they fear persecution or because there is no free media left anymore – we became their voices.

Our Demands from the European Parliament:

We request the European parliament and the policy makers of European countries to:

- 1) Not recognize the Taliban regime as the representative government of Afghanistan.
- 2) All Taliban members should be banned from traveling abroad.
- 3) All political centers that somehow lobby for the Taliban should be blocked immediately, including the political representation of this group in Qatar.
- 4) Identify and cut off any channels of international financial support of the Taliban group.
- 5) The European Union and the political representation of the European Union in Afghanistan together with the United Nations in addition to implementing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, should document current historical Injustice, oppression and human rights violations, especially women's rights violations and be the voice of Afghan women in important international decision-making forums.
- 6) The European Union should react against the countries supporting the active terrorist groups in the region and the Taliban in Afghanistan and express its position clearly.

- 7) The European Union and European policy makers as facilitators, facilitate meaningful inter-Afghan dialogue to create a temporary government with the real participation of all sections of the society, including women.
- 8) Financial and food support for people who are at risk of malnutrition, especially women and children in Afghanistan, should be continued through aid agencies.
- 9) The European policy makers should support the protesting women and take practical steps for their immunity.
- 10) Afghan women whose lives are in danger should be given immediate asylum while they are still inside Afghanistan.

We hope that you will take practical actions, because Next time we will march with our tents and build a protest camp in front of the European Parliament.

Thank you