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RECOGNITION OF THE TALIBAN

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**NO - RECOGNITION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS,
NO - RECOGNITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS,
OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM, OF THE RIGHT TO SPEAK ...
IN AFGHANISTAN**

- 15 August 2021, the Pakistan-backed Taliban enter Kabul.

- 31 August, the US leaves Afghanistan. Thousands of Afghan ·es threatened ·es flee their country.

- **No country has since recognised the fundamentalist Taliban terrorist militias in power in Afghanistan. despite their promises of change.**

All over the world a movement of solidarity with the Afghan people has developed. Feminists everywhere are relaying the words of Afghan women, begging them not to be forgotten and above all not to recognise the Taliban.

However, from 23 to 25 January 2022, a delegation from the Islamist fundamentalists in power in Kabul will be welcomed in Oslo by the head of Norwegian diplomacy, **Anniken Huitfeldt**, for a meeting with representatives of the United States, France, the United Kingdom, Germany and Italy, as well as with representatives of Afghan civil society in exile.

The purpose of Norway's invitation "*in view of the large-scale humanitarian disaster facing Afghanistan*", is to engage in dialogue with the Taliban, says Mrs Huitfeldt, who assures us that these meetings "*do not constitute a legitimisation or recognition of the Taliban*". However, as the Taliban spokesman analyses, "*this visit will open the way to discussions, meetings and agreements with the countries of the European Union*".

The process will therefore be underway.

Thus, European diplomacy allows itself to be trapped in the Taliban's alternative: save the Afghan people from famine - which is only due to their incompetence and barbarity - or recognise their power. Where does the safeguarding of women's rights fit into this contract?

Educated by the experience of the years of darkness (1996-2001), Afghan men and women, who for 20 years have had to face the incessant attacks perpetrated by the same taliban, know what can be expected from the barbarity of the taliban fundamentalist militias. The countries of Europe and the West are not unaware of this.

The promises of these supposedly "modernised" taliban in favour of women will not have lasted 6 months. All the regressions of the "lead years" are back and the process of talibanisation has worsened.

After having recreated the disastrous Ministry of the Promotion of Virtue and the Repression of Vice, they are imposing the same prohibitions on women through brutality and violence: A ban on working, on going to school or university, on travelling alone, on playing music, on doing sports, on drawing... Every day a new ban appears, in one department, a ban on going to the hammam for women, in another, for female employees of NGOs, an obligation to wear the tchadri and to be accompanied by a man, a ban on taking the bus or a taxi. Every day, feminist activists are arrested, abducted, imprisoned or disappear.

Thousands of short films, reports and testimonies arrive every day from Kabul and the departments of Afghanistan to bear witness to this.

"Our voice is our weapon" say Afghan women

How can Norway, which in the past has illustrated itself in such an admirable way by the passive resistance of its entire people against the Nazi occupiers in 1940, lend a hand to the Taliban fundamentalist terrorist militias that lock up, humiliate, rape and kill women?

How can it, by legitimising this terrorist group which has taken over Afghanistan by force of arms, lead Afghan women into distress and plunge the Afghan resistance into incomprehension?

On the contrary, do we not expect Europe and the Western countries to stand up together against a fundamentalist, anti-democratic, barbaric and totalitarian terrorist militia? For the Afghan men and women first of all, but also for Europe and the world, because Afghanistan in the hands of the taliban is the promise of instability on an international scale, of widespread insecurity and violence.

With the experience of its fight against the Taliban forces, which has never ceased since 1996, including during the years of reconstruction (2001-2021), NEGAR-Support for the Women of Afghanistan calls on the European community as a whole, politicians, governments and civil society, to open its eyes and see that this diplomatic initiative, which is charitably intended to solve the humanitarian disaster in Afghanistan, will only increase it by strengthening the power of the taliban terrorist militias.

Of course the taliban will not keep any of their promises. Of course funds will be diverted to further the plight of the Afghan people. Of course the plight of the women and people of Afghanistan will not improve.

Saying YES to the recognition of the Taliban

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**Saying NO to the recognition of women's rights,
democracy, freedom, human rights...**