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Your Excellency,

As a member/supporter of ACAT-Switzerland, the Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture, I am writing to express profound concern regarding the **escalating violations of women's rights in Afghanistan**.

Recent reports indicate a severe intensification of restrictions, including bans on work, education, and public presence that threaten the safety, dignity, and fundamental freedoms of Afghan women and girls. The United Nations has also expressed deep concern, stating that relentless edicts issued by the Taliban have severely restricted the rights of women and girls, suffocating every dimension of their lives.

These actions not only violate international human rights standards but also erode the social and economic fabric of Afghanistan. The international community is increasingly viewing these measures as gender persecution, potentially amounting to crimes against humanity. Notably, the International Criminal Court's chief prosecutor has recently sought arrest warrants for Taliban leaders, citing their involvement in the systemic persecution of women and girls, actions that may constitute crimes against humanity.

**In light of these developments, I urge you to plead with the Afghan government to:**

* Restore and protect women's rights to education, employment, and freedom of movement;
* Immediately cease all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls;
* Immediately and unconditionally end all forms of torture, ill-treatment, and exploitation of women and girls;
* Ensure accountability for those responsible for perpetrating abuses against women;
* Engage with international human rights bodies to align national policies with global human rights standards.

It is imperative that the Afghan government takes swift and decisive action to uphold the rights and dignity of all its citizens. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,