

Mr. President,

The extremist rules enforced by the Taliban have prevented women from exercising their fundamental rights, including expression, movement, work, and education and prohibiting them from traveling or to leave their homes without accompanying their male family members.

The ban on women's legal support mechanisms and NGOs have created catastrophic effects on the lives of tens of millions of Afghans, particularly vulnerable groups who are in dire need of humanitarian support. This has not only deprived women of having livelihood but also of supporting their communities.

OIPMA urges the Special Rapporteur to continue follow up the following:

1. Holding Taliban accountable to have an inclusive government, equal recognition for women, education and protection for women and girls.
2. To put extensive pressure on the Taliban to immediately lift the ban on women working with NGOs.
3. Formulating an international mechanism to preserve information on serious human rights violations against women and children and minorities gathered by the fact-finding and documentation processes, for future accountability proceedings.

Thank you Mr. President