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Afghan New Generation Experts Network (ANGEN) Responds to Recent Immigration Policy Proposal by CDU and CSU Coalition

[Schleswig-Holstein, 24.09.2023] — The coalition of CDU and CSU recently presented a plan to the Bundestag, in which they demanded changes in immigration policies in Germany. While ANGEN acknowledges the importance of immigration policy discussions, we are deeply concerned about certain aspects of this proposal.

Afghanistan's Unique Situation

Afghanistan currently stands as the only country where women are not allowed to attend school. The latest reports from the United Nations and Amnesty International have shed light on the grim situation within the country. The Taliban's actions, including arrests, torture, disappearances, and confrontations with peaceful protesters, are a matter of grave concern. Illegal executions, arbitrary arrests, torture, and the unlawful detention of opposition figures have sadly become recurring incidents.

Contrary Actions and Violation of Rights

ANGEN is particularly concerned about the emphasis placed in the plan on halting the legal acceptance program for Afghans at risk. Such actions run contrary to the principles of refugee acceptance and serve as a basis for illegal immigration. Furthermore, they violate established international conventions pertaining to human rights and refugee rights.

A Plea for Legal and Clear Mechanisms

While ANGEN acknowledges the comprehensive support provided by the German government and its people to the Afghan population over the last two decades, we urge the CDU and CSU coalition to consider the following:

- The acceptance of Afghans at risk should be carried out based on a clear mechanism and in full accordance with established legal processes.
- Afghans at risk, many of whom have been actively engaged in promoting democracy and working with the international community for two decades, possess valuable skills and face imminent threats to their lives.

A Global Responsibility

We call upon all political figures in Germany to support comprehensive plans for improving the situation in Afghanistan. This should not be a matter of partisan politics but a global responsibility that addresses the root causes rather than the effects.

Tens of Thousands in Dire Conditions

It is imperative to note that tens of thousands of Afghans have been living in extremely precarious conditions in neighboring countries for the past several months, with the hope of joining programs such as the one proposed. Their dire circumstances underscore the urgent need for humane and well-considered immigration policies.

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About ANGEN

The Afghan New Generation Experts Network (ANGEN) is a non-profit association committed to promoting peace, democracy, and human rights in Afghanistan. Comprising a diverse group of experts, ANGEN works to address critical issues facing the nation by leveraging its members' collective knowledge and experience.

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