

Country/entity	Afghanistan
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Renewed Commitment by the Afghan Government to the Afghan People and the International Community to Afghanistan (Kabul Conference Communiqué)
Date	22 Jul 2010
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s)

Afghan Wars (1979 -)

The agreements are drawn from two distinct conflict periods. Post Soviet-intervention period. First, after an uprising against the communist government, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in December 1979 and set up a puppet government. Fierce resistance came in on the form of domestic and foreign Mujahidin fighters who, by 1988, forced the Soviet Union to withdraw. The Communist government that remained was defeated in 1992 against a background of violence, which spiralled into a tumultuous multi-party civil war with a strong tribal basis. In 1993 a peace accord was signed, but by 1994 the conflict realigned itself as the Islamic-based Taliban emerged from the refugee camps, eventually occupying the capital city of Kabul in September 1996 spurring groups that had militantly opposed the communist government to unite in opposition to the Taliban.

Post US-intervention period. After the terror attacks on September 11, 2001, the United States invaded Afghanistan and removed the Taliban from power. In December 2001, the UNSC mandated the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) to assist Afghanistan's interim authorities. In 2003 ISAF command was placed under NATO's responsibility. Within three years, however, the Taliban managed to re-group and re-structure and launched intense resistance to the internationally-recognized Afghanistan government and NATO support troops. Despite this resurgence of the Taliban, NATO leaders lacked the necessary support for the mission abroad, and NATO troops were withdrawn by the end of 2014.

Close
Afghan Wars (1979 -)

Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Afghanistan: 2000s Post-intervention process

Parties Not signed, agreement mentions the following parties as having produced it: The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan and the international community

Third parties -

Description This agreement outlines commitments by the government of Afghanistan and unspecified members of the international community, covering: international donations; governance, rule of law, and human rights; gender and children's rights; economic and social development; peace, reconciliation and reintegration; security; regional cooperation; and security.

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Women, girls and gender

Participation Participation→Effective participation
Page 9, Next Steps: Supporting Afghan Ownership and Leadership, Strengthening International Partnership, Article 31
The participants recognized the paramount importance of holding transparent, inclusive and credible elections in the fall, encouraging the full participation of female as well as male candidates and voters, and the Afghan Government in particular is fully committed to ensuring this objective and welcomes the international community's support.

Equality Equality→Equality (general)
Page 2, Preamble, Article 5
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Equality→Social equality
Page 5, Gender and Children's Rights, Article 10
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Particular groups of women No specific mention.

International law International law→General IHRL, IHL and IL
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International law→International human rights standards

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New institutions

New institutions→Infrastructure (general)

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New institutions→Reconciliation and peace

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Violence against women

Violence against women→Gender-based violence/VAW (general)

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Transitional justice No specific mention.

Institutional reform Institutional reform→DDR, army, parastatal or rebel forces

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Institutional reform→Public administration

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Development

Development→Education

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Implementation No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.
