



Afghanistan Organization for Development of Human Rights (AODHR)

Statement of AODHR on the press release of International Criminal Court (ICC)

On 31 October 2022, Pre-Trial Chamber II of the International Criminal Court (ICC) authorised the Prosecution to resume investigation into the Afghanistan Situation.

Afghanistan Organization for Development of Human Rights (AODHR) strongly welcome and appreciate this decision, and hoped that the investigation start as soon as possible in Afghanistan, and wish this decision had been taken long time back, specially after march 2003 when Afghanistan officially endorsed the ICC statute and become the first Asian country and second Muslim country to Assembly of states parties (ASP)

15 August 2021 marked a turning point in Afghan society. The fall of Kabul to the Taliban also sent shockwaves through the international community, the two decades of US presence in Afghanistan ended with the Taliban occupying Afghanistan. Since 15 August 2021, there are many crimes committed by the Taliban and the Islamic State – Khorasan Province ("IS-K") and the gravity, scale and continuing nature of crimes by the Taliban and the Islamic State, which include attacks on civilians, targeted extrajudicial executions, persecution of women and girls, crimes against children and other crimes affecting the civilian population, in the past years specially after Taliban took control of Afghanistan there are several attacks on Hazaras and are being targeted and subjected to persecution and genocide due to their ethnicity the best examples are suicide attacks on different Hazara educational centers, like Kaj and other educational centers in Kabul, Afghanistan

In making the determination to prioritise crimes by IS-K, as well as the Taliban, I recall the United Nations Security Council in multiple resolutions, deemed that the terrorist activities of the Islamic State constitute a global threat to international peace and security.

AODHR once again well come the ICC decision on Afghanistan situation and expressed its deep concern over continuing of Crimes in Afghanistan.

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