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President, UN Security Council  
Security Council Secretariat

**Urgent: Open letter to United Nations:**

We support the United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres' call for the UN Security Council to: "stand as one, and ensure that human rights are upheld, humanitarian aid continues" in Afghanistan.

In view of the current and unfolding situation in Afghanistan, we with like-minded international organisations, advocate that the UN Security Council urgently send representatives for an UN stabilization force to maintain safety and establish an open border for humanitarian aid personnel and social workers to be allowed to enter and leave the country at will, so as to facilitate relief work and safe passage for the workers.

We would like to support the United Nations, along with other international agencies, for urgent relief and crisis recovery in the time of transition.

You may contact the following for any follow-up action on this matter:

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(with like-minded international organizations including International Council of Social Welfare, International Association of Schools of Social Work, Commonwealth Organisation for Social Work, Connexions International, and others)

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