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Strategic Plan for Afghanistan Journalists Support Organization

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Introduction

We are living in the 21st century, the era of communication, rapid information, and access to information. Freedom of expression, independent media performance, and every citizen's right to access information have become fundamental and vital components of international human rights interactions.

The success of implementing and adapting democracy in Afghanistan during the 20-year republic era was a significant milestone in the efforts to achieve media independence and freedom of expression. However, at present, the situation within Afghanistan has reached a serious deadlock. Many members of media and press families have migrated outside the country, and the human and technical capacities in the media field are facing significant risks.

Therefore, based on these observations, the Afghan Journalists Support Organization aims to address the following:

Preservation of Freedom of Expression and Access to Information:

- Ensuring freedom of expression, the right to access information, independent media, and the preservation of all human capacities in this field.
- Supporting media rights and advocating for the protection of media organizations.
- Facilitating Information Flow:
- Ensuring that Afghan citizens have access to necessary information both within and outside the country.
- Providing platforms for Afghan journalists and media activists, both within and outside the country, to have a common professional foundation where they can express their problems, demands, and find comprehensive solutions.

Protection and Support for Afghan Journalists:

- Collaborating to rescue Afghan journalists who are facing threats, dangers, and psychological harm.
- Establishing stable, logical, and regular communication with credible international organizations to work towards the common goals of supporting Afghan journalists.
- Creating comprehensive opportunities to enhance the professional capacity and skills of Afghan journalists.
- Establishing a professional contact address for Afghan journalists if they need specific professional groups.

International Collaboration:

Strengthening relationships and collaboration with international organizations, legal institutions, judicial bodies, and human rights organizations working in the field of media to support and defend the rights of Afghan journalists.

Activities

Strengthening Internal Connections:

- Establishing a comprehensive database of Afghan journalists, media activists, media outlets, and media institutions both within and outside Afghanistan.
- Creating a network for sharing ideas, requests, plans, and problems among Afghan journalists and media personnel.
- Building International Partnerships:
- Collaborating with international organizations, media institutions, legal bodies, and human rights organizations to advocate for the rights of Afghan journalists.
- Capacity Building and Research:
- Establishing an archive documenting the history of journalism in Afghanistan, including university textbooks, collections, and profiles of renowned journalists.
- Collecting legal documents such as international declarations, conventions, laws, and regulations related to media and human rights, with priority given to those signed and ratified by Afghanistan.
- Documenting national legal documents within Afghanistan, including laws, regulations, and structures.
- Producing content such as announcements, messages, analyses, legal consultations, and guiding documents based on experiences, perspectives, and the organization's mission.
- Conducting workshops, seminars, symposiums, analytical sessions, and short to medium-term courses to enhance the professional skills of Afghan journalists.
- Providing guidance and training for the specific support and protection of women journalists and other vulnerable journalists.

Defense and Support for Afghan Journalists:

- Advocating for the fundamental rights of Afghan journalists and providing necessary support and protection.
- Gathering accurate information about the status of media outlets and journalists in Afghanistan and disseminating it when necessary.

- Establishing communication with international legal and support organizations to defend the rights of Afghan journalists.
- Exploring the possibility of establishing an emergency support fund for Afghan journalists.
- Creating a foundation for selecting and distributing annual awards to recognize the achievements of Afghan journalists.
- Addressing the challenges and uncertainties faced by journalists residing in regional countries through collaboration with international organizations and necessary lobbying efforts.
- Collaborating with Afghan journalists worldwide to address their specific problems and support their professional development.
- By undertaking these activities, the Afghan Journalists Support Organization aims to provide comprehensive support to Afghan journalists, safeguard their rights, and contribute to the development of a free and independent media environment in Afghanistan.