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Peace Building Network: Afghan Women Vow not to accept a Peace That Harms Their Achievements

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Women from ten organizations, in a meeting of the Peace Building Network (PBN) called by medica mondiale-Afghanistan (mmA) and Afghan Women's Network (AWN) on Thursday 10th June, 2010, proclaimed their support of the active participation of women in the Peace Jirga and declared with one voice that Afghan women won't agree to lose their achievements in a peace deal.

They praised the active participation of women in the Jirga, and they stipulated that Afghan women will not accept a peace negotiation which causes any harm to or loss of the achievements they have gained over the last ten years.

They also declared that women will actively participate in the follow-up meetings related to the Peace Jirga with increased quality of participation.

The participants of the PBN meeting also voiced their expectations and hopes for the upcoming Kabul Conference saying that they want to ask women to actively participate in the discussions of the Kabul Conference as well, including the six key discussions posed in the London Conference.

Taking part in the PBN meeting were representatives of All Afghan Women Union (AAWU), National Democratic Institute (NDI), Training Human Rights Association (THRA), Education Center for Women (ECW), Windows for Life (WfL), Afghan Women Skills Development Center (AWSDC), Afghan Women's Education Center (AWEC), Supportive Organization for Poor Women and Children (SOPWC), Afghan Women Resource Center (AWRC), and Women and Children Legal Research Foundation (WCLRF). Three of the participants were members of the Peace Jirga.

About the host:

medica mondiale-Afghanistan (mmA) is an Afghan women's organization working towards the elimination of violence against women and empowering them through the provision of psychosocial support, legal aid, and advocacy in Kabul, Herat and Mazar-e-Sharif.

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