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PEACE FOR ALL AFGHANS?

“An end to the fighting is the main aim of the Afghan people”, was the message of Afghan President Karzai when addressing the High Peace Council of Afghanistan. After more than three decades of violent conflict, Afghans are longing for peace. With the current international military missions coming to an end by 2014, the context for the peace talks will be changing.

In order to achieve a sustainable peace, the process leading to it, has to be participatory and inclusive. The international conference “Peace for all Afghans?” wants to highlight the role of civil society in bringing the violent conflict to an end. Women activists, local peace-builders, politicians and experts gather to discuss how peace can be achieved.

The conference is co-hosted by **ENNA** (European Network of NGO’s in Afghanistan-Brussels), **CMI** (Crisis Management Initiative-Helsinki), **hbs** (Heinrich Böll Stiftung), **ACBAR** (Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief-Afghanistan), and **MEP Thijs Berman**, Chairperson of the Delegation for relations with Afghanistan of the European Parliament.

Venue: **European Parliament, Brussels – building PHS, room 7C050**

Date: **3 June 2013 , public hearing from 14:00 until 18:00, followed by reception**

List of confirmed speakers:

Andris Piebalgs, *Commissioner for Development, European Commission*

Mirdad Khan Nejrabi, *Head of Security Commission, Afghan Parliament*

Masood Karokhail, *Director, The Liaison Office*

Nargis Nehan, *Executive Director, EQUALITY*

Hayatullah Jawad, *Director, Afghan Human Rights Research and Advocacy Organisation (AHRRAO)*

Maryam Rahmani, *Director, Afghan Women’s Research Center*

Mari Skaare, *Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security, NATO*

Registration is required by email to: enna@ennanet.eu .

The seminar is free of charge and will be held in English.

Monday 3 June

13.30 Registration opens in the parliament

14:00 Opening of the conference:

Thijs Berman, MEP, Chairperson of EP Delegation for Relations with Afghanistan

14:10 Keynote speaker:

Andris Piebalgs, European Commissioner for Development

14:30 Panel 1: **An inclusive peace process**

Introduction by Peter Brune, ENNA - session moderated by Floortje Klijn/Oxfam Novib

Masood Kharokhail, Director The Liaison Office

Maryam Rahmani, Director, Afghan Women's Research Center

Hayatullah Jawad, Director, AHRRAO

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Panel 2: **Women's involvement in the peace process**

Introduction by Peter Brune, ENNA - session moderated by Jawed Nader/BAAG

Nargis Nehan, Executive Director, Equality

Mirdad Khan Nejrabi, Head of Security Commission of the Afghan Parliament

Mari Skaare, Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security, NATO

17:15 Closing remarks : **Policy Recommendations by ENNA and ACBAR**

18:00 Reception, speeches by hbs and CMI