



## Communique **Committee of Experts**

### **Committee of Experts expresses concern about the situation of women in Afghanistan and calls for all their rights to be protected.**

*Washington, DC, August, 28, 2021.* [The Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism of the Belém do Pará Convention \(MESECVI\)](#) strongly condemns the double attack perpetrated in the vicinity of the Kabul airport, which has left a balance of, at least, 100 people killed, including 90 Afghan civilians.

This Committee follows with concern the situation of deterioration of the rights of women and girls in Afghanistan, welcomes the pronouncements of support for Afghan women in some countries of our region and welcomes the offers of help and refuge to Afghan women, made by Costa Rica, recognizing their efforts in this regard.

Limiting totally or partially the recognition, enjoyment and exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms constitutes an offense to human dignity, for which reason this Committee reminds international society of the need to act jointly to ensure respect for the rights of those who decide to stay in the country; a safe exit is guaranteed for persecuted or threatened persons who require it, facilitating mechanisms that provide security and guarantee refuge. In particular, we request the cessation of violence against Afghan women and girls, and the recognition of their rights as an indispensable condition for their

integrity and individual and social development, as well as for the development of Afghan society as a whole, which must live with safety, protection and dignity, in the absence of any form of discrimination and abuse.

The Committee of Experts expresses its solidarity with Afghan women and girls, and recalls the obligation to ensure a life free of violence for all women, girls and adolescents; the enjoyment and exercise of their rights to education, work and freedom of movement; as well as their right to participate in political life and in making decisions that affect them and reiterates the mandatory compliance with international standards for the protection of all their rights and freedoms, remembering that Gender Equality enjoys international consensus and condemns us to discourage currents of thought, factual powers, positions and expressions that threaten these conquests.

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The Committee of Experts is the technical body of the MESECVI, responsible for the analysis and evaluation of the implementation process of the Convention of Belém do Pará. It is made up of independent experts, appointed by each of the States Parties from among their nationals, who exercise their functions in a personal capacity.