

**Country:** The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan  
**Committee:** The United Nations Programme for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UNWOMEN)

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The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan is located at the crossroads of Central and South Asia. It has borders with Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and China. Our country is mostly filled with mountains with plains in the north and the southwest, which are separated by the Hindu Kush mountain range. Kabul is the capital and our largest city. Our population is esteemed to be around 40 to 50 million. Human habitation in Afghanistan dates to the Middle Paleolithic era. It's popularly referred to as the graveyard of empires, the land has witnessed numerous military campaigns, including those by the Persians, Alexander the Great, the Maurya Empire, Arab Muslims, the Mongols, the British, the Soviet Union, and a US-led coalition. Because of the various conquests and periods in both the Iranian and Indian cultural spheres, the area was a center for Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and later Islam. Islam is Afghanistan's official religion at the moment.

We believe that our women and girls shouldn't be discussed in the same manner as the Western implications. Our official religion, Islam, is not the same as theirs, therefore, we believe they can not have the same morals as us.

This is really important for us, as we want our women to have modesty and dignity. We are not trying to control them, we are trying to give them the best they deserve; that being the ability to sit home and have the minimum work to do while our men work to provide for their lifestyle.

We hope that this committee will respect our culture, religion and national traditions. Our religion and culture are very dear to us and we do not want our people to be forced into a change they don't want.

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