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The Afghans' Protest Rally Resolution

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<u>Afghans</u> living in southern California, USA held a protest Rally on September 14, 2008 in Los Angeles to express Their condemnation of the blind and irresponsible bombardment by the US-led military NATO Coalition on Afghan villages and towns causing considerable innocent civilian casualties.

Dear Compatriots and the freedom-justice loving Humanity,

Thirty years have elapsed since the notorious (Saur 7, 1357-April 27, 1978) Communist Coup d'Etat in Afghanistan followed by the brazen military aggression by the former Soviet Union against our country to realize the plundering

Brezhnev-Kosygin Doctrine and to rescue their Afghan Lackeys from the waves of The Afghan national uprising.

The heroic Afghan resistance, a saga of our time, resulted in the disgraceful Red Army defeat; the disintegration of the Soviet Union and The Warsa Pact as well as the collapse of the Berlin Wall.

In the course of its valorous struggle, the Afghan nation patiently endured the sacrifice of its two million sons and daughters, hundreds of thousands who became disabled or handicapped and millions of dollars financial and material losses to their country.

In the aftermath of this struggle and the absence of national and freedomloving forces, however, the unpopular factions came to power which further complicated The Afghan situation thus paving the way for the intervention by our neighbors in the internal affaires of Afghanistan.

The creation of Taliban and their bringing into power by Adventurous, Anarchist and Reactionary foreign forces, constituted yet another tragedy for out country. As the people of Afghanistan were abandoned by the outside world, the Afghan tragedy took
Its new international dimension when our country was invaded by US and other NATO on October 7, 2001

At present, 7 years after the Bonn Agreement, where an Interim Administration was patched- up for Afghans followed by a Transitional and the a so-called elected Government, hasty, conspiratorial and unrealistic "solutions" are being pursued for our country which have further complicated the situation and plunged our country and The international community in a *quagmire* with continued uncertainly and unpredictable developments while the Afghan people have remained the actual victims with an uncertain and dark future.

The continuation of the ruthless and totally unjustified killing of innocent Afghan civilians, most of them women, children and the elderly, as a result of indiscriminate US-led NATO coalition Air-strikes, The Afghans decided to hold a Protest Rally in Los Angeles on September 14, 2008.

Inspired by our conscious and based on the provisions of all relevant Resolutions and conventions of the civilized Humanity,

We, the Participants, vehemently condemn all these criminal and inhuman Actions in Afghanistan, and.

Seriously Demand that:

_All those culprits, domestic or foreign, who are responsible for the massacre in Azizabad village of the Shindand District in Heart Province on August 21/22, 2008 be put on trials for their crimes against innocent people and the victims' be sustainably compensated.

_An immediate end should be put to the killing of innocent Afghan civilians and all privately —owned prisons be closed and investigated.

_The general policies being pursued by the United States and NATO coalition in Afghanistan be thoroughly reviewed and reconsidered and the reports and information be obtained in rural areas be coordinated with local Afghan authorities and forces before any military strikes.

_We do not believe that the increase in the foreign forces stationed in Afghanistan is a realistic solution. In our view such an action would further deteriorate the Afghan situation.

_We do not want, Afghanistan to be converted into an Arena for the rivalry among big Powers or states in the region. The Afghan people themselves should be helped and be given a chance to pursue a peaceful life free of wars and tensions.

_It is our conviction that roots of terrorism are not inside Afghanistan but located, financed and organized beyond the Afghan borders.

_The existence of war —lord, drag-traffickers, corruption and the distribution of high governmental posts on the basis of Nepotism, Favoritism and behind the scene arrangements have alienated the Afghan people.

_The destiny of the Afghan people should be freely determined by the Afghan people themselves with due respect to their basic rights and their full participation in a direct, free, fair, and secrets elections.

_We firmly demand that all war crimes and/or criminal acts committed against the Afghan people since the notorious April 27, 1978 communist Coup up to now be brought to The International War Crimes Tribunals as well as national jurisdiction courts so in the absence of war criminals, the Afghan people would be able to realize social justice and create a civil society, free from repression and based on national unity and understanding.