

## **Statement in solidarity of girls, women and men who fight for democratic and equitable society in Afghanistan**

**The Women's Interest Group of International Association of the Schools of Social Work (WIG IASSW)** salutes the end of wars and occupation in Afghanistan and expresses grave concern over recent events due to the takeover of power by a militant group that displays extreme hatred towards various people, especially women and girls. Over the past two decades, numerous girls and women have received education, attended schools and universities, built their businesses, engaged in the arts, and worked to create a better future for themselves, their families and society at large. For many young people, including girls and women, education and the use of social media, creativity, physical integrity and economic independence have become part of their everyday lives.

We stand together with women and girls and with everyone in Afghanistan who envisioned a better future for themselves and their daughters, sisters and mothers, who hoped to fulfil their dreams for education, employment and self-determination and who remain supportive of their desire for a better tomorrow.

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