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Amnesty International at Tokyo Conference on Afghanistan

On July 8, the international community meets for the Tokyo International Donors Conference, to consolidate plans for Afghanistan through pledging of funding and support beyond 2014.

- Horia Mosadiq, Amnesty International's Afghanistan Researcher, is participating in the conference and will be available for interview in Tokyo from 5 9 July.
- On July 7, Amnesty International is hosting a press conference with Human Rights Watch at 11:00 -12:00 at Room #16, 9th floor, Research Institute Building 14, Aoyama Campus, Aoyama Gakuin University. Afghan human rights activists will be participating.
- An open letter from Amnesty International to the Tokyo Conference highlights human rights as the key to sustainable development, for a secure and peaceful Afghanistan beyond 2014.

Amnesty International is urging conference participants to ensure that while pledging funding to Afghanistan there is adequate support and clear benchmarks for strengthening human rights.

Amnesty International is urging the Afghan government and its international partners to:

- provide adequate support for half a million internally displaced people;
- improve accountability of Afghan National Security Forces and International Security Forces;
- support women's rights in Afghanistan including political participation and in the peace and reconciliation process

For the text of Amnesty International's open letter to the Tokyo Conference <u>please click here</u>: <u>http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/info/ASA11/012/2012/en</u>

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