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**Deputy Ministry for Finance and Coordination
Directorate of Coherence of Non-Governmental Organizations**

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To: Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief and Development (ACBAR) in Kabul!

Subject: Prohibition of Females from Working in National and International NGOs

As you are aware, on behalf of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the Ministry of Economy is the responsible body for coordinating and leading the overall work of national and international NGOs.

Recently, serious complaints have surfaced about women who, while working with national and international non-governmental organizations, ignore Islamic Hijab and other IEA-enforced laws and regulations associated with this matter.

The Ministry of Economy, in order to fulfill its responsibility and mission in the area of implementing IEA laws and regulations aimed at regulating the operations of national and international NGOs, hereby directs all NGOs to prohibit their female staff members, who work in various sections, from carrying out their duties until further notice.

In case of any uncertainty regarding the aforementioned matter, this Ministry may revoke the license granted to the NGO as permission for operation.

By means of this letter, the aforementioned matters are hereby communicated to you to be shared with your partner NGOs in order to carry out their operations accordingly and report back to this Ministry.

Regards,

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