

**To Mr Maxime Prévot**  
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**Subject: Opposition to the granting of visas to representatives of Taliban regime**

Minister,

We are writing to you as Members of the European Parliament to express our deep concern regarding the invitation to Brussels of representatives of the Taliban regime for discussions on procedures for the return of Afghan nationals from the European Union, and the granting of entry visas by your Ministry.

Such an initiative would send an extremely worrying political signal. The Taliban regime is responsible for massive and systematic human rights violations, particularly against women, girls, journalists, human rights defenders and minorities. Since their return to power in 2021, the Taliban have established a system of repression and exclusion that has been widely documented and strongly condemned. In particular, the Taliban government has just adopted a new law legalising the marriage of girls from the age of 9. Under these circumstances, there can be no question of negotiating with a regime that oppresses its own people, nor of returning refugees who have fled it, let alone Afghan girls who will be forced into marriage.

In its resolution of 21 May 2026 on Afghanistan, the European Parliament explicitly states that any form of engagement with the Taliban regime must not be at the expense of fundamental rights and strongly condemns the policies of discrimination and persecution imposed on the Afghan population. The European Parliament also warns against any normalisation or implicit legitimisation of the Taliban regime as long as it continues to systematically violate human rights and international law.

Consequently, allowing Taliban representatives to obtain visas to travel to Belgium could be perceived as a form of political recognition incompatible with the positions upheld by the European institutions themselves.

We therefore ask you:

- In your capacity as Minister for Foreign Affairs, to refuse to grant Belgian visas to representatives of the Taliban regime;
- To refuse any negotiations with the Taliban regime, whether on migration or any other matter;
- To insist that the European Union withdraw its invitation to representatives of the Taliban regime for a mission to Europe;
- To ensure compliance with the international obligations of Belgium and the European Union, in particular the principle of non-refoulement, which applies to every person, regardless of their administrative status;
- To take active steps to ensure respect for human rights in Afghanistan and to bring about a tangible improvement in the plight of the Afghan people.



Belgium has always affirmed its commitment to human rights, the rule of law and the protection of persons at risk. In this context, it is essential that your country adopts a clear and consistent stance towards a regime that continues to deny the most fundamental freedoms.

We thank you for your attention to this letter and remain, Minister, yours sincerely.

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