AFGHANISTAN FREEDOM MOVEMENT

Declaration of Principles

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Preamble

We, Afghans at home and across the world, believe that Afghanistan's future belongs to its people: the girl who wants to learn, the journalist who wants to speak, the farmer, the teacher and the artist. Freedom is not a gift to be granted. It is a right to be defended, together. On that belief we set out the principles of this movement.

Article 1. Freedom of expression

Every Afghan has the right to speak, write, gather and believe without fear.

Article 2. Education for all

Every girl and every boy has the right to a classroom. No exceptions.

Article 3. Justice and the rule of law

Afghanistan must be governed by institutions that answer to the people, not to force.

Article 4. Unity in diversity

All of Afghanistan's peoples, languages and faiths are one nation. No Afghan stands above another.

Article 5. Dignity and safety

The dignity and safety of every person come first. The movement will not expose anyone to danger by revealing who they are.

Article 6. A public record

The movement speaks through dated, numbered statements and keeps a public record of how its Forum is moderated.