

Country/entity	Afghanistan
Region	Europe and Eurasia
Agreement name	Communiqué of the International Conference on Reconstruction Assistance to Afghanistan (Tokyo Conference)
Date	22 Jan 2002
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/conflict level	Interstate/intrastate conflict(s)

Afghan Wars (1979 -)

The agreements are drawn from two distinct conflict periods. Post Soviet-intervention period. First, after an uprising against the communist government, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in December 1979 and set up a puppet government. Fierce resistance came in on the form of domestic and foreign Mujahidin fighters who, by 1988, forced the Soviet Union to withdraw. The Communist government that remained was defeated in 1992 against a background of violence, which spiralled into a tumultuous multi-party civil war with a strong tribal basis. In 1993 a peace accord was signed, but by 1994 the conflict realigned itself as the Islamic-based Taliban emerged from the refugee camps, eventually occupying the capital city of Kabul in September 1996 spurring groups that had militantly opposed the communist government to unite in opposition to the Taliban.

Post US-intervention period. After the terror attacks on September 11, 2001, the United States invaded Afghanistan and removed the Taliban from power. In December 2001, the UNSC mandated the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) to assist Afghanistan's interim authorities. In 2003 ISAF command was placed under NATO's responsibility. Within three years, however, the Taliban managed to re-group and re-structure and launched intense resistance to the internationally-recognized Afghanistan government and NATO support troops. Despite this resurgence of the Taliban, NATO leaders lacked the necessary support for the mission abroad, and NATO troops were withdrawn by the end of 2014.

Close
Afghan Wars (1979 -)

Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Afghanistan: 2000s Post-intervention process

Parties	Not signed, agreement mentions the following parties as having participated: Chairman of the Afghan Interim Administration, H.E. Mr. Hamid Karzai Other representatives of the Administration were mentioned as present.
Third parties	Not signed, agreement mentions the following parties as having attended: H.E. Mr. Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan; H.E. Mr. Kofi Annan, UN Secretary General. The Government of United States European Union The Government of Saudi Arabia Lakhdar Brahimi, special Representative of the Secretary-General (UN) International Organizations: World Bank Asian Development Bank Islamic Development Bank United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Afghan Support Group (ASG) A further 61 donor countries were involved but not specified in the agreement.

Description -

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Women, girls and gender

Participation No specific mention.

Equality No specific mention.

Particular groups of women No specific mention.

International law International law→General IHRL, IHL and IL
Page 3, Article 12
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New institutions No specific mention.

Violence against women	No specific mention.
Transitional justice	<p>Transitional justice→Past and gender Page 3, Article 12 The Conference emphasised the centrality of restoring the rights and addressing the needs of women, who have been the prime victims of conflict and oppression. Women's rights and gender issues should be fully reflected in the reconstruction process.</p>
Institutional reform	No specific mention.
Development	<p>Development→Rehabilitation and reconstruction Page 3, Article 12 The Conference emphasised the centrality of restoring the rights and addressing the needs of women, who have been the prime victims of conflict and oppression. Women's rights and gender issues should be fully reflected in the reconstruction process.</p> <p>Page 3, Article 13 ... The NGO representative reported that Afghan and international NGOs agreed that a focus on education and training is necessary, particularly for women, to build the capacity of the Afghan people to contribute to reconstruction. Continued dialogue and co-ordination between NGOs, international organisations, donors and the AIA are essential to ensure efficient use of resources.</p> <p>Development→Education Page 2, Article 8 The AIA identified the following key priority areas for the reconstruction of their country: ... (2) Education, especially for girls</p> <p>Page 3, Article 13 ... The NGO representative reported that Afghan and international NGOs agreed that a focus on education and training is necessary, particularly for women, to build the capacity of the Afghan people to contribute to reconstruction. Continued dialogue and co-ordination between NGOs, international organisations, donors and the AIA are essential to ensure efficient use of resources.</p>
Implementation	No specific mention.
Other	No specific mention.
