



Date: 23 August 2021

Subject: Petition from UN Staff for the evacuation of Afghan National Staff

Dear Colleagues,

You will be aware of recent events in Afghanistan. The UN and specialized agencies employ over 700 international and 3000 national staff in Afghanistan.

Some international staff have already been evacuated but as far as we know, there are no plans to evacuate national staff nor their families, despite the threat they face for having worked for the UN system. Talks are underway and we hope some action will be taken soon.

That is why **CCISUA** (Coordinating Committee of International Staff Association), the federation to which your staff union belongs, has launched a petition calling on the UN Secretary-General to take all appropriate measures to ensure the safety of all staff, national and international.

Please sign the petition here:

https://secure.avaaz.org/community_petitions/en/antonio_guterres_antonio_guterres_protect_un_staff_in_afghanistan/

It will only take you a minute but could make a world of difference for our Afghan colleagues.

Thank you

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