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To whom it may concern,

The risk of being Hazara has been increased since Hamid Karzai/Taliban regimes, and again, the entire community in Afghanistan is in danger. Blocking Hazara roads, abduction and killing Hazara passengers, terrorist attack on Hazara peaceful demonstrations, targeting Hazara activist including media workers, bloody attacks on Hazara traditional and religious gatherings, as well as the systematic discrimination by Afghan government are examples of the crimes committing against the Hazara, today, in Afghanistan. Hazara target killing in Pakistan has also increased, and the government is not able to protect them.

We believe that every single Hazara asylum seeker should be granted asylum based on the 1951 Refugee Convention and its related protocols, the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crime of Genocide and the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

We would like to attach to this letter, the following important relevant documents regarding the Hazara security in Afghanistan and Pakistan:

- A timeline highlighting the persecution of the Hazara 1890 to 2017
- A support letter from 354 internationally recognized poets in 2013
- Two Google maps of attacks on Hazara in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Above documents are accessible on our website www.hazarapeople.com.

We sincerely hope that the Hazara asylum seekers are granted asylum in safe countries, where they can live in safely, and without fear of physical violence and terrorist attack due to their ethnic affiliation.

Sincerely yours

On behalf of the Hazara International Network

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