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Addressing attacks on school children in Afghanistan

The Human Rights Council,

Appalled by reports of attacks targeting innocent school children, particularly girls, in Afghanistan,

Reaffirming that Governments have the primary responsibility to protect their citizens,

Noting with sadness and deep concern those who have been threatened or intimidated into not attending school and harmed while attending school,

Welcoming the statements from the Government of Afghanistan and other Governments condemning such attacks and pledging action to combat them,

1. *Deplores and condemns* attacks targeting innocent school children;
2. *Expresses shared commitment* with the Government of Afghanistan in its efforts to protect all students from such heinous attacks, and encourages further vigilance;
3. *Urges* all parties in Afghanistan to take appropriate measures to protect children and uphold their rights;
4. *Encourages* Governments and relevant United Nations and international agencies to respond positively to the requests made by Afghanistan for assistance to support its efforts to prevent and address such attacks.

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