Afghan Women Speak: Enhancing Security and Human Rights in Afghanistan

We cordially invite you to the launch of a new research report, *Afghan Women Speak*, produced by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame in association with Cordaid and the Fourth Freedom Forum. At a critical turning point in the ten-year Afghan conflict, the research examines strategies for Western policymakers to protect women’s rights as the Afghan Government pursues reconciliation with the Taliban and insurgent groups.

The workshop will include a presentation of the report by David Cortright, Director of Policy Studies at the Kroc Institute and Sarah Smiles Persinger, Research Associate at the Kroc Institute. This will be followed by a response from Afifa Azim, General Director of the Afghan Women’s Network and Sabra Bano, Director of Gender Concerns International. Pascale Baeriswyl, Political Affairs Counselor of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the UN, will offer greetings and an introduction. Sarah Taylor, Executive Coordinator of the NGO Working Group on Women, Peace and Security, will serve as moderator.

The event is part of the Peace Fair commemorating the 10th anniversary of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. It is sponsored by the Swiss Permanent Mission to the United Nations, the Kroc Institute, Cordaid, the Fourth Freedom Forum and the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders.

Lunch will be provided.

**Date & Time**
28 October 2010, 1:00-3:00pm

**Location**
UN Church Center, 777 UN Plaza, 44th St and 1st Ave, New York

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