KABUL - The U.S. envoy for peace in Afghanistan expressed disappointment on Friday after the postponed meeting between the Taliban and an Afghan peace delegation from Kabul.

"I'm disappointed Qatar's intra-Afghan negotiations between the Taliban and an Afghan peace delegation from Kabul. This was the last chance for the Taliban to negotiate seriously," said Zalmay Khalilzad, the U.S. special representative for Afghan reconciliation, said on Twitter. "I urge all sides to come to the table and engage constructively in this process.

"I don't think that (former President Hamid) Karzai's participation at the Afghan peace talks was optional. He is the leader of the Afghan opposition," Khalilzad said. "Karzai's refusal to engage negatively affects the negotiations."