The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) is a milestone document in the history of human rights. Drafted by the United Nations in 1948 in response to the barbarities committed during World War II, the UDHR stands as a beacon for nations around the world to uphold the fundamental rights of all individuals. In Article 55, the UDHR states, "All members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world." This document reaffirms faith in universal humanity, the dignity of the individual, and the equal rights of men and women. The UDHR laid the groundwork for the establishment of the United Nations Human Rights Council, which continues to monitor compliance with its principles.

Unfortunately, Afghanistan lacks the basic democratic principles and the required will to respect human rights. The Afghan government has failed to protect its citizens from the many human rights violations that have taken place. A recent report by Human Rights Watch found that Afghanistan has made significant progress in some areas, but has failed in others. Despite the UDHR, children, women, and other vulnerable groups continue to be exploited and abused. The Afghan government has a responsibility to protect these individuals, and it is failing to do so.

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