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## IWPC Press Statement

**Subject:** IWPC objects to exclusion of women journalists at Press Conference by Afghanistan's Foreign Minister.

The Indian Women's Press Corps (IWPC) raises strong objection to the reported exclusion of women journalists at a Press Conference held by Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Mawlawi Amir Khan Muttaqi at the Afghan Embassy on 10 October 2025.

The decision for inviting journalists was reportedly taken by officials accompanying the Foreign Minister who represents the Taliban regime that has faced severe criticism, globally for restricting rights of women.

Established to promote and advance the professional growth of women journalists, the IWPC sees this act as highly discriminatory. It goes against the grain of our democratic ethos and constitutional values that uphold gender equality.

We urge the Government of India to take this matter up with the Afghan Embassy to ensure that such gender-based exclusion in media briefings does not occur in the future.

Thank you,

Sujata Raghavan  
(President)

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(General Secretary)