

**DRAFT DOCUMENT TO BE SUBMITTED TO PARTICIPANTES TO THE FORUM OF CIVIL SOCIETY  
PARIS 24TH MAY**

***Given that***

- \* On January 2008 the pre-conference of Afghan civil society took place with the participation of 100 delegates from all over the country,
- \* This conference has been organized by 5 networks made of NGOs and Associations, the Afghan NGO Coordination Body (Ancb), Afghan Civil Society Forum (Acsf) and Afghan Women Network (Awn) among others
- \* Another major conference is planned to take place with higher participation, eventually involving 300 delegates open to all representations
- \* This conference would hopefully see a large presence by representatives from European civil society

***Considered that***

- \* To January conference, organized by Afghan colleagues with support from the Italian NGO PeaceWaves, took part "Afgana", a network of Italian Associations and NGOs who signed a the resolution made of 19 pillars
- \* On March 2008, Afgana met again the Afghan networks during a trip to Italy, leading to convey that this important exchange of relations should be extended as much as possible to the European civil society,
- \* The Paris Civil Society Forum on 24th of May is seen from these networks as a chance to share the results of the pre-conference
- \* During the pre-conference in Kabul on January 2008, Afghan delegates proposed to organize a regional conference of the Asian civil society,
- \* The possibility to financially support such regional conference from Italian Institutions is stated in the amendment to the financial law submitted and approved on 21th of February 2008 by Italian Parliament
- \* This initiative for a new conference of Afghan civil society and a larger regional conference of the Asian civil society, with the involvement of the regional partners and civil society from the surrounding countries, should receive adequate support from Paris pre-conference on 24th of May

To this Forum on 24th of May it would be appropriate to mention such above important initiatives, by producing an informative document to circulate on the conference held in June, the 12th, as contribution to the democratic process and participation.

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