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From August 2003, NATO and US allies led the UN-mandated International Security Assistance Force (ISAF). Its mission, aimed to create the conditions whereby the Afghan government could exercise its authority throughout the country and build the capacity of the Afghan national security forces, including in the fight against international terrorism, was completed in December 2014 when the Afghan National Defence and Security assumed full responsibility for security across their country.

Italian republic was part of the NATO ISAF that was active in Afghanistan after December 2001. Italian forces were assigned the responsibility of West Afghanistan including [Herat](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Herat). Italian Republic deployed over 2,000 troops in [Afghanistan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afghanistan) in support of [Operation Enduring Freedom](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Enduring_Freedom) from February 2003. Italian troops maintained their presence in Afghanistan until June 30, 2021 and evacuated 5,011 people, including 4,890 Afghans

The Taliban, according to a 55-page UN report, committed fifteen “massacres” from 1996-2001 during their campaign to gain control over northern area of Afghanistan which were not ruled buy the Taliban. The Taliban denied food, under World Food Programme, to 160,000 Afghans for “political and military reasons”. After Taliban offensive and capturing of Mazar-i-Sharif, 5,000-6,000 Afghans were killed in a campaign of ethnic cleansing, Women were particularly oppressed in the totalitarian regime.

Italian republic firmly believes Recognition of the Taliban government is impossible since there are 17 terrorists among the ministers, and the human rights of women and girls are continuously violated. The Talabani regime will be judged by the means of their cooperation in the fight against terrorism and drug trafficking; respect for human rights, especially for women and minorities; establishment of an inclusive government; guarantees of safe humanitarian access; and free passage to those who want to leave the country

The Italian Republic objective remains a peaceful, secure Afghanistan and also stresses on the following solutions;

1. Focus new resources in places where the Talibani forces are weak and aid anti Talibani fighters like Ahamed Masoud and Abdul Rashid Dostum to push back the Taliban
2. Cutting off of Foreign military aid and intelligence to the Taliban regime from UN members, especially The Islamic Republic of Pakistan
3. Sanctions against the republics and regimes aiding the Taliban and the Islamic emirate to stay in power in Afghanistan
4. Urges foreign governments to prevent financial collapse that would result in a massive flow of migrants