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Press release

A delegation¹ representing French NGOs working in Afghanistan had a long meeting with Bernard Kouchner, the French Minister for Foreign and European Affairs, on Monday 22 September.

These NGOs made an Appeal² last Friday during a press conference, emphasizing the importance of increased civilian assistance (to fight the food crisis, drought and poverty) and greater involvement of traditional Afghan authorities in the process of reconstruction.

Proposals were made, in particular regarding the improvement of aid procedures and security conditions for humanitarian workers.

A wide range of issues concerning the current situation in Afghanistan were discussed.

The discussions were open, cordial and constructive. The principle of regular meetings was agreed upon.

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² The text of this Appeal is available on request.