



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Thursday, October 26, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met this day at 11:31 a.m., in room C128, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Peter M. Boehm, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Boehm, Boniface, Coyle, Deacon (Ontario), Gerba, Greene, Housakos, MacDonald, Ravalia and Woo (10).

*Participating in the meeting:* Nadia Faucher and Brian Hermon, analysts, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, February 10, 2022, the committee continued its study on foreign relations and international trade generally. (Topic: Situation in Afghanistan)

### WITNESSES:

#### *Canadian Women for Women in Afghanistan:*

Lauryn Oates, Executive Director (*by videoconference*).

#### *Islamic Relief Canada:*

Usuma Khan, Chief Executive Officer.

#### *As individuals:*

Arif Z. Lalani, Former Ambassador to Afghanistan, Jordan, Iraq, United Arab Emirates (*by videoconference*);

Nipa Banerjee, Senior Fellow, School of International Development and Global Studies, University of Ottawa;

Nader Nadery, Senior Fellow, The Wilson Centre (*by videoconference*).

Arif Z. Lalani and Lauryn Oates each made a statement and answered questions.

At 12:31 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 12:36 p.m., the committee resumed.

Nipa Banerjee, Usuma Khan and Nader Nadery each made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:26 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Chantal Cardinal

*Clerk of the Committee*