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Shabana Kargar, a seasoned professional with a rich background in diplomacy, political science, and administrative leadership. Throughout my career, I have demonstrated a strong commitment to fostering international relations, promoting women's empowerment, and contributing to political processes within Afghanistan and beyond. I pursued a Bachelor's degree in Literature at Kabul University, completing my studies in 2012. In 2017, I further specialized in international relations by earning a Diploma in Diplomacy and Political Science from a prestigious institute in Kabul.

2007, Media Officer for the Women Capacity Building Program, where I was responsible for managing public relations and developing strategic communication plans to support the program's objectives. From 2009 to 2010, took on the role of Local Manager for the Election Commission, where I supervised and coordinated key electoral processes, ensuring efficiency and transparency.

2013, Transitioned to the Ministry of Women's Affairs as an Office Manager, where I was entrusted with managing day-to-day operations and providing critical administrative support to senior government officials. My diplomatic expertise was further recognized when, from 2014 to 2018, I was appointed as the Head of the Kazakhstan Desk within the Third Political Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In this capacity, I managed Afghanistan's diplomatic relations with Kazakhstan, overseeing political initiatives and fostering bilateral cooperation.

2018, continued my diplomatic work by joining the Embassy of Afghanistan in Canada as an Administrative Coordinator. In this role, I focused on promoting Afghanistan's cultural and educational interests, contributing to the embassy's outreach and engagement efforts until 2021.

I am fluent in English, Uzbek, Pashto, and Dari (Farsi), which enables me to navigate diverse cultural and political environments with ease. My commitment to diplomacy, combined with my multilingual abilities, has allowed me to effectively contribute to Afghanistan's international relations and political stability.