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Dear Dr. Sima Samar,

Personally and on behalf of Heinrich Böll Foundation, I wish to express my heartfelt congratulations for being awarded the Right Livelihood Award. The award is a unique and overdue opportunity to actively acknowledge your uninterrupted struggle against the destructive effects that war and oppression have left on the Afghan people, especially women until today. Your persistent efforts to improve the conditions in the fields of health, education, women's and human rights are highly admirable and they not least represent a factor of hope for a better future for Afghanistan.

This meaningful prize is awarded to you at a time, where substantial support for women's rights, human rights and justice are needed in Afghanistan. The fight for a just Afghan society will by no means end here. Please be assured that Heinrich Böll Foundation will continue to support your journey in whatever way possible.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Unmüßig
President

