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VOA has “leaked” the code of conduct for the intra Afghan talks. They have shared 1 page on their website but there 3. Offering details here from the 3 pages that I have seen, knowing that this is not in any way sabotaging the peace process that many of us wish to succeed.

Unofficial translation by me: The honor & Islamic identity of #Afghanistan depends on national unity. Our country will be saved from the direct or indirect interference of others when Islamic justice prevails. The Afghan negotiations that started on 12 Sept 2020 shall be based

on the following four principles:
A. The Doha agreement signed on 29 Feb 2020.
B. The desire of the people of Afghanistan for establishing sustainable peace.
C. The commitment of both sides of the negotiators to establishing sustainable/durable peace.

D. The expressed will of UN resolutions for establishing sustainable peace.

Parties to the negotiations agree on the following principles:

1. The first session will begin with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran.
2. the other sessions will begin and end with prayer.

3. No subject against the sacred religion of Islam or the national high interests will be considered.
4. The negotiations will take place with the intention and faith of succeeding, with honesty and in good faith by both parties in a good/amicable atmosphere.

5. During the negotiations mutual respect and modesty of words must be maintained.
6. Both sides will listen to speakers carefully and will avoid unnecessary remarks.
7. In case during the negotiations sides don’t reach to a conclusion, a committee should be created from both

sides which can then come up with solutions for further debates.
8. If during the talks issues around interpretation of Sharia arise, both sides will resolve it together.
9. On important issues parties should seek to balance btwn speed & the time needed for further elaborations.

10.Both sides should introduce 3 clerks who will write the entire proceedings of the negotiations.
11.The clerks will take notes from the proceedings & at the end of every session will compare notes. Final reports will be certified by designated delegations chosen by both sides.

12.The head of each delegation is responsible for managing their own teams.
https://t.co/rdifHkeKEz the end of every session both sides will agree on a press release so that confusions are prevented. Both sides must refrain from irresponsible remarks.

14.If parties need consultations, a break will be announced at the request of the party needing consultations
15.There will be five breaks for prayers.
16.The facilitator and host only will have the role of a host and facilitator and will not be allowed to sit in the meetings.

17.Subjects that have been agreed upon, they will not be brought back for discussions but remains as part of the final agreement.
18.Confidentially is key & leaks that can sabotage the process must be prevented (except agreed press releases by both parties).

19.Both sides have a duty to reject any rumors that can create doubts and suspicion (in the process) and or can cause social and political problems.
https://t.co/d2vbyvBsEX who want to enter the premise of talks under disguise must be kept away.

21.All documents of the negotiations will be drafted in Pashto and Dari and are equally acceptable.

In principle a very well crafted code of conduct. Sides have overcome major hurdles. Let peace prevail!

VOA report here.
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Forgive me for all the spelling and grammar errors :(