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G20 leaders agree to help Afghanistan – 14th October, 2021

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The G20 is 19 countries plus the European Union. It has just met and promised to help Afghanistan. Since the Taliban took over in August, the economy is in trouble. Germany's leader said if the economy collapsed, no one could give aid to the country. She said the international community had to help Afghanistan.

The G20 will talk to the Taliban about aid. It said it is hard to help people in Afghanistan without the Taliban. The EU will give more aid to Afghanistan. The Taliban said: "The international community needs to start cooperating with us." It will help to make the country safer. The Taliban wants to "engage positively with the world".

Level 1

The G20 is 19 countries plus the European Union. It has met to talk about Afghanistan. It promised to help Afghanistan's economy, which has almost collapsed since the Taliban took over in August. Germany's leader said if Afghanistan's economy collapsed, no one could give aid to the country. She added: "To look on as 40 million people [slip] into chaos because there's no financial system must not be the goal of the international community."

The G20 will talk to the Taliban about humanitarian aid. Italy's prime minister said: "It is very hard to see how you can help people in Afghanistan without...the Taliban." The EU, IMF and World Bank will increase the aid they give to Afghanistan. The Taliban said: "The international community needs to start cooperating with us." It said any aid would help to stop insecurity in the country, and that it help the Taliban to "engage positively with the world".

Level 2

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The G20 leaders will talk to the Taliban about humanitarian aid. Italy's prime minister is the current leader of the G20. He said: "It is very hard to see how you can help people in Afghanistan without...the Taliban." The EU will increase the aid it gives to \$1.15 billion. The IMF and World Bank will also provide aid but they did not say how much. The Taliban said: "The international community needs to start cooperating with us." It said the aid would help to stop insecurity in the country. It said it would also help the Taliban to "engage positively with the world".

Level 3

The G20 is a group of 19 rich countries plus the European Union. It meets to talk about and act on major world problems. It has just met to discuss the future of Afghanistan. Leaders of the G20 promised to stop Afghanistan falling into deeper economic chaos. Since the Taliban took over Afghanistan in August, the economy has almost collapsed. Germany's leader Angela Merkel said it was essential to help Afghanistan. She said if the country's financial system collapsed, no humanitarian aid could be given. She added: "To look on as 40 million people descend into chaos because there's no financial system must not be the goal of the international community."

The G20 leaders will involve the Taliban in sending humanitarian aid to Afghanistan. Mario Draghi, the Italian prime minister and current leader of the G20, said: "It is very hard to see how you can help people in Afghanistan without involving the Taliban." The EU said it would increase the amount of aid it gives the country to \$1.15 billion. The IMF and World Bank said they would also provide aid but did not say how much. The Taliban's acting foreign minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi, said: "The international community needs to start cooperating with us." He said the aid would help the Taliban to stop insecurity in the country. He said it would also help the Taliban to "engage positively with the world".

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