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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Banyan Tree Network, I would be honored to invite you to the 1st Annual Kabul Invitational Debate Tournament. The tournament will be held on the campus of Kabul University on June 16, 2011. The debate format will be team public debate. Enclosed you will find information on the schedule and debate times. We are really excited about the opportunity to host the first ever International Public Debate Association tournament in the history of Afghanistan. We believe the values and skills of competitive debate are vital to the future of Afghanistan. We hope that you will join us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Josh McCormick

Public Debate information:

The students will receive a topic sheet thirty (30) minutes before the debate. They will then have that time to prepare their arguments. They will then enter the round to debate against another team of Afgan students. The times of the debate are as follows:

- 4 minutes- First Affirmative speaker
- 2 minutes- First Negative cross-examination
- 4 minutes- First Negative speaker
- 2 minutes- First Affirmative cross-examination
- 4 minutes- Second Affirmative speaker
- 2 minutes- Second Negative cross-examination
- 4 minutes- Second Negative speaker
- 2 minutes- Second Affirmative cross-examination
- 3 minutes- First Negative speaker
- 3 minutes-First Affirmative speaker
- 3 minutes- Second Negative speaker
- 3 minutes- Second Affirmative speaker

Schedule of events is as follows:

Tournament schedule

- 9am: Round 1 draw
- 9:30 Round 1
- 10:30 Round 2 draw
- 11: Round 2
- 12pm: Lunch break
- 1: Round 3 Draw
- 1:30 Round 3
- 2:30 Round 4 draw
- 3: Round 4
- 4: Semi-Finals draw
- 4:30: Semi-Finals
- 5:30 Finals draw
- 6: Finals

