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Press Release

**MEC welcomes the National Unity government's move to refer  
450 government officials accused of corruption to the judiciary system**

**Kabul, Saturday July 2, 2016** — The Independent Joint Anticorruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC) welcomes the National Unity government's action to refer 450 government officials who are accused of corruption to the judiciary system to be investigated. It is worth mentioning that taking effective and serious action against corruption is one of the main commitments of the government to the Afghan people and the international community. MEC believes that if the government pursues these cases in a transparent and fair manner, the recent action will be an important step in tackling corruption, which will make the Afghan people and its international partners more hopeful for reaching to an Afghanistan that is unfriendly to corruption.

Although the establishment of the Special Center for Justice and Anticorruption is a new experience in Afghanistan, other countries in the world have used this model as an effective tool in the fight against corruption. To be effective, it is vital that the government fully respects the independence of the Center, does not politically interfere in its operations and provides it with the technical and administrative capabilities it need to operate. The government must ensure that the key technical personnel, including the judges and attorneys, are hired on the basis of meritocracy, transparency and commitment to fighting corruption and emphasize on establishing a healthy, transparent and standardized system for its human resource, administrative, financial and case management needs.

MEC expects the government to take concrete and measurable steps in combatting corruption, move from talking about corruption to taking actual action against corruption and advance anticorruption agenda as a continuous and sustainable effort instead of ad-hoc and symbolic gestures. The role of people's cooperation in the Center is highly important, requiring the people to break their silence, say "no" to corruption and show zero tolerance towards corruption in their daily lives.

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