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MEC Quarterly Monitoring Report: 16 Anti-Corruption Recommendations Have Been Fully Implemented in the Afghan Justice Sector

Kabul, Afghanistan: The Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC) released its second quarterly monitoring report about implementation of the anti-corruption recommendations, efforts, and proposed reforms at the Attorney General's Office (AGO) and their relevant stakeholders. The report found that at least 16 out of the total 51 recommendations have been fully implemented during the quarter.

Additionally, 23 recommendations are partially implemented, while 11 recommendations have seen limited progress in implementation and one recommendation is not implemented at all.

In July 2017, the MEC released a comprehensive Vulnerability to Corruption Assessment of the Attorney General's Office containing a total of 51 recommendations to improve integrity within the AGO.

Observations of MEC's monitoring team, during this quarter, indicate *significant* and *broad-ranging* improvements in the implementation of recommendations. Much of the progress made in this quarter was related to capacity development at the AGO and its prosecutors, reforms in the *Tashkiel*, and providing required facilities to Provincial AGO offices.

- The AGO developed ToRs for all prosecutors and operationalized the critical performance evaluation system for the prosecutors.
- A Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS) was established within the AGO, with prosecutors recruited for up to 20 insecure Districts.
- Comprehensive legal training programs have been initiated to improve the capacity of prosecutors.
- The AGO dramatically increased the portion of female employees from just three per cent to 21 per cent.
- To increase interdepartmental engagement, the Provincial Appellate Prosecution directorates were also involved in the planning and budgeting processes.
- The AGO has constructed office facilities for its Provincial offices in Nuristan, Daikundi and Khost, while construction of these facilities in five additional Provinces are underway.



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At the same time, the MEC observed that some of its recommendations have not been implemented or have seen limited progress during this quarter.

- Legal courses being conducted for prosecutors in Provinces are ineffective due to lack of professional expertise for teaching the courses.
- No final decision has yet been taken by the Ministry of Justice regarding proposed changes to resources and support for Legal Aid Providers.
- Transportation issues for AGO staff at the District level and in insecure areas remain a serious problem.
- Appropriate Criminal Forensic Laboratory facilities and equipment are still not available in all Provinces.

The MEC will monitor implementation of the recommendations issued in its Special Report of the AGO's Vulnerabilities to Corruption every quarter.

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