



**Independent Joint Anti-Corruption  
Monitoring & Evaluation Committee**

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**MEC provides latest assessment of the fight against corruption in  
Afghanistan**

**KABUL, Afghanistan, September 28, 2013** – MEC released its fourth six-month report covering its activities from January to June 2013. The report provides its latest assessment as the independent voice monitoring national and international anti-corruption efforts in Afghanistan.

The results of MEC's monitoring identified many issues that are highlighted in the report. In relation to Kabul Bank, MEC notes that the receivership has made some progress in recovering money from the sale of assets, but there has not been a serious effort to recover money that was laundered internationally or to recover \$121 million owed by Gas Group. The investigation of additional beneficiaries has been non-existent and the appeal has been slow to progress. There has also been an unwillingness of relevant parties to review CTAP (the Civilian Technical Assistance Program) as recommended by MEC. Additionally, addressing National Military Hospital related misconduct has been prolonged due to an incomplete investigation, and a weak indictment and prosecution.

On a positive note, there has been some progress in implementing MEC's recommendations related to funding provided by UNHRC resulting in a review of financial and administrative practices. Progress has also been demonstrated by the Supreme Court who has indicated a willingness to begin publishing judgments, and the IEC who have developed a fraud mitigation strategy, which will be closely monitored by MEC.

Mr. Yasin Osmani, MEC's current Chair, stated:

Over the past six months MEC has taken its role as the independent voice assessing anti-corruption efforts in Afghanistan seriously. MEC has identified a number of measures to improve the fight against corruption and will continue to monitor activities to ensure that they are implemented. Although some progress has been made, our monitoring has revealed that more has to be done to make a difference in the fight against corruption.

In the reporting period MEC has issued 36 new recommendations; issued two public reports, including one on the implementation of Presidential Decree 45; engaged dozens of local, national and international organizations; and conducted 5 provincial visits to Nangarhar, Herat, Balkh, Bamyan, and Kunar to assess anti-corruption efforts at the local level.

MEC will continue to monitor the effectiveness of the anti-corruption efforts and give an independent perspective on a variety of other legislative and programmatic issues such as the laws on anti-corruption, anti-money laundering, and mining; land usurpation; and campaign financing.

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