



**Independent Joint Anti-Corruption
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**MEC is encouraged by progress on Presidential Decree 45 but calls
for increased efforts in some key areas**

Kabul, Afghanistan, March 31, 2013: - The Independent Joint Anti-Corruption Monitoring and Evaluation Committee (MEC) released its evaluation report on the implementation of anti-corruption elements of the Presidential Decree 45 (PD 45). PD 45 was announced on July 26, 2012 by the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. The decree contemplates broad ranging measures to improve government administration and to combat corruption, which were predominately endorsed by MEC.

Given the importance of anti-corruption measures contained in the decree, MEC decided to monitor and evaluate 38 anti-corruption articles of the Decree. The Committee's evaluations revealed mixed results, with progress being seen in the early stages of many initiatives balanced by a lack of progress in others. Of the 38 articles being monitored, 8 have been fully implemented, 23 have been partially implemented, and 7 have not been implemented.

Notable achievements have been registered by the Government in the area of several legislative initiatives including procurement; developing plans for the implementation of Tokyo Framework commitments; and the publication of government contracts. However insufficient progress has been made in the appointment of some officials, including Deputy Governors and the processing of cases through the justice system.

Drago Kos, the Chair of MEC, stated:

We are generally encouraged by the progress made by the Government in implementing Presidential Decree 45. Despite the timelines included in the decree, the effective implementation will require the Government to strengthen its efforts over the long term. The implementation of PD 45 should not be about simply doing enough to tick a box; rather it should be embraced by ministries as solid direction for their improved functioning.

MEC will continue to monitor the substantive implementation of anti-corruption related articles of PD 45 beyond the official timelines since it is an important initiative in the fight against corruption. MEC is hopeful that the reluctance of some ministries to share information will be addressed in its future efforts to monitor Decree 45.

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