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New campaign marks Anti-Corruption Day

On the occasion of the International Anti-Corruption Day the Afghan Ministry of Interior (MoI) with the support of EUPOL Afghanistan re-launched its media campaign to fight corruption. On billboards and in newspapers the campaign asks the Afghan people to stop corruption and to report cases of bribe and corruption to the emergency phone number 119.

Kai Vittrup, Head of Mission of EUPOL Afghanistan welcomed the campaign as an important step forward the raise awareness among the Afghan citizens and to highlight the efforts of the MoI together with EUPOL to bring back respect to the Afghan National Police (ANP). He said: "I am proud that Minister Atmar has invited EUPOL to support this campaign. We will do our best to make it a success and sustainable. Without the involvement of the ordinary people of Afghanistan we will not be able to root out corruption."

One of the six strategic objectives of EUPOL Mission is Anti-Corruption. The goal of the Anti-Corruption work is to enable the Ministry of Interior and the Attorney General's Office to execute all future counter corruption measures through efficient and transparent procedures independently and sustainably. Considering that corruption in the transitional society of Afghanistan is endemic and widespread, EUPOL and its international partners, are working together to achieve this goal through the development of transparent governing and administrative procedures and subsequent enforcement, which will enable the Ministry of Interior and the Attorney General's Office to combat all types of corruption.

Since the signing of a Note of Understanding between EUPOL and the Minister of the Interior on July 22nd, 2009, significant progress in all three focus areas has been made.

The review process of the existing procedures and structures within the MOI is well advanced and will soon form the basis for the implementation of a digital filing and case tracking system for alleged and detected corruption cases.

As to the focus area of enforcement, EUPOL and CSTC-A are fostering and improving the cooperation between the AGO and the MOI Inspector General. The Anti-Corruption Team has started an active mentoring process on ongoing corruption cases under investigation within the MOI Inspector General's Office.

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