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FURTHER STEPS TO FIGHT CORRUPTION



Maj Gen Mohammad Wakil Akbari and Police Commissioner Kai Vittrup

The European Union Police Mission (EUPOL Afghanistan) is supporting the Afghan Ministry of Interior (Mol) in its efforts to tackle corruption.

Since President Hamid Karzai has made the fight against corruption one of the main priorities during his new term in office and according to the presidential decree a Central Joint Commission has been set up to tackle this kind of corruption.

The main task of this Interagency Commission is to prevent the extortion of bribes on the highways and in the provinces.

The Central Joint Commission is led by Maj Gen Mohammad Wakil Akbari, the Inspector General of Mol, who coordinates this group of high level representatives from the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Agriculture, the National Defence Security (NDS) and the Kabul Municipality.

The Commission will create a system to identify corruption cases together with prosecuting measures against those officials involved according to the strict provisions of the Law. The Commission will incorporate this system into the successfully progressing Anti-Corruption Implementation Programme designed for the Ministry of

Interior. EUPOL will undertake all necessary efforts to support the tasks of the Central Joint Commission through its Anti-Corruption Project Team.

EUPOL is assisting the implementation of this initiative with experienced anti-corruption experts, -advisers and mentors and by further providing necessary technical equipment to ANP Inspector General Offices and mobile teams.

All Afghan provinces will have similar commissions set up which will be led by the Provincial Governors together with the active participation of the Chiefs of Police and representatives of the line Ministries in each province. The Mol Inspector Generals Department assisted by EUPOL will support the actions on provincial level to investigate the corruption cases and create conditions that will prevent taking illegal bribes from citizens.

Background information:

Minister of Interior, Mr Haneef Atmar has asked the EUPOL to be the leading international agency in supporting the Mol to elaborate the strategy and specific action plan to fight corruption. In August an Agreement (NoU) was signed between Mol, EUPOL, US CSTC-A, UNDP and UNODC that foresees a thorough cooperation and establishing a practical programme to support Afghan authorities to curb the corruption.

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