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### Workshop on Environmental Law and Policy in Afghanistan

Kabul, Afghanistan: The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) will be conducting a 2 day workshop on “Environmental Law and Policy in Afghanistan” in the City of Mazar-e Sharif from 25–26 April 2007, in cooperation with the Balkh Regional Office of National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) and the Afghan Conservation Corps (ACC) Regional Office in the same province.

During the workshop an overview of Afghanistan’s legal system as well as an overview of global and domestic environmental problems and the manner in which environmental law has evolved to address those problems will constitute the main topics. Explanation of and discussion on Afghanistan’s Environment Law, 1384, and some of its relevant regulations, will make integral parts of the workshop.

Around 80 participants including officials from governmental institutions together with representatives of international organizations, civil society and the private sector have been invited to attend the workshop. Representatives from the National Environmental Protection Agency and the Forest Department of the Ministry of Agriculture shall also attend from the provinces of Samangan, Jouzjan, Sari Pul and Faryab. Mr. Atta Mohammad Noor, Balkh Governor has been invited to open the session.

The workshop is part of the provincial outreach activities UNEP is undertaking with regard to the Environment Law. Similar workshops have been held in Herat, Kunduz and Ningarhar while further workshops are planned for Badakhshan, Paktia, and if possible the City of Kandahar.

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is currently implementing a capacity building and institutional development programme for environmental management in Afghanistan funded by the EC and the Government of Finland.

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