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Dear Compatriots!
Assalamualaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuhu !

Praise rightfully belongs to Allah Almighty now that after many arduous hours, weeks and months, the Draft Constitution of Afghanistan is finally completed and is herewith published for public consultation and review. On behalf of the Constitutional Review Commission and from my own person I would like to wholeheartedly congratulate the people of Afghanistan on this historic day of achievement.

This Draft Constitution, to be discussed and approved by the people's representatives at the Constitutional Loya Jirga (CLJ) is our new national legal charter which will set the stage for and guarantee the future development of every aspect of life in our beloved country Afghanistan, including political, economic, social and cultural.

Responsible to provide leadership to the Constitutional Drafting and Review Commissions, which were composed of highly qualified and distinguished individuals, including women from the legal and various other professions, I see myself in a position to vouch for my colleagues' dedication, commitment and honesty in the performance and implementation of their historic mandate; that is drafting Afghanistan's new constitution. The members of the Commission performed their assigned duties so as to please the Creator of all beings, to honour the good will and the wishes and aspirations of the people of Afghanistan and to serve the supreme aim of contributing to a new Afghanistan, and to securing prosperity and welfare for all Afghans regardless of ethnicity, language, creed or political persuasion. It is appropriate for me to express my gratitude to members of both the Drafting and Review Commissions for their hard work and faithful service to the Afghan nation. They have certainly made history with their work and shall be remembered by the future generations for their contribution to the new Afghanistan. The Draft Constitution is aimed at providing a basis for unity throughout Afghanistan. It aims to create a society free of oppression, atrocity, discrimination, and violence, based on legitimacy, social justice, protection of human rights, and dignity, and ensuring fundamental rights and freedoms of the people with a government based on people's will and democracy. The draft is based on Islamic principles and recognizes that no law can be contrary to the sacred religion of Islam.



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The Constitutional Commission of Afghanistan is proud to present to the people of Afghanistan this Draft Constitution as the new national legal charter so that they can freely study, discuss and review it. All Afghans, in particular the learned and the educated, those who are familiar with constitutional discourse must now carefully study the Draft and either send their views and recommendations to us for consideration or through their chosen representatives to the Constitutional Loya Jirga, this supreme decision making authority in Afghanistan, so that their voices can join the thousands of other voices in expressing the will of the people of Afghanistan in determining their future.

I pray to Allah Almighty to grant us the will and the means to turn this new constitution into a tool for achieving national unity, peace and prosperity. May He also bless us with a life and a future free of the wrongs of the past and grant us the wisdom and the fortitude to adhere to and respect this new national charter.

Amen!

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