

Annex III

AFGHANISTAN UPR REPORTING PROCESS ACTION PLAN

August 2008-May 2009

SN	Date	Action
1	June 08	Establishment of the UPR Secretariat within the MoFA Directorate of Human Rights & Women's International Affairs within the mechanism of the UPR reporting process.
2	June 08	Creation of the Steering Committee (SC) of the UPR reporting process based on a proposal by the Afghanistan MoFA and approval of the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.
3	Aug-Dec 08	Meetings of the Steering Committee for finalization of the mechanism of the UPR reporting process, outline and prioritization of the activities in line with the timeframe of the UPR reporting process.
4	Sep –Nov 08	Finalization of budget of the UPR reporting process, in collaboration with the Dutch Royal Embassy to Kabul and the Center for International Legal Cooperation (CILC) pledge on provision of technical and financial support for the UPR reporting process.
5	Dec 08	Hiring staff of the UPR reporting process Secretariat: (Coordinator, Translators, Communication Officer and Website Manager).
6	Nov-Dec 08	Selection of members of the Drafting Group, followed by a two days workshop from 16-17 December 2008. Members of the Drafting Group are responsible for drafting the UPR state report of Afghanistan in collaboration with the Afghanistan MoFA Directorate of Human Rights & Women's International affairs.
7	Nov-Dec 08	Selection of the Focal points and representatives of the Government institutions and civil society organizations with responsibility for collecting, compiling, assessing and analyzing information required for the Afghanistan UPR reporting process.

8	Dec 08	Preparation for the 2 day technical workshop on the UPR reporting process, such as: Agenda of the workshop, subjects for discussion, and questionnaires for data gathering, and facilitation of the workshop for 60 participants, including Drafting Group, working groups and focal points of the government departments and civil society organizations.
9	Dec 08	Preparing an action plan for Drafting Group and the 3 working groups of the UPR reporting process participating in the two day technical workshop on UPR reporting process at the Afghanistan MoFA.
10	Dec 08	Questionnaires for various ministries and civil society organizations completed between 18 th Dec 08 and 2 nd Jan 09, and returned to the MoFA Directorate of Human Rights & Women's International Affairs. The information gathered were used for producing the initial draft of the UPR state report of Afghanistan.
11	Jan 09	On receiving responses from the concerned departments and organizations, writing the initial draft began. This period lasted more than two weeks (4-20 January 09). Members of the Drafting Group completed the draft, in collaboration with the UPR Secretariat at the Afghanistan MoFA.
12	Jan 09	During the drafting period the Centre for International Legal Cooperation (CILC) dispatched an expert to Afghanistan to provide technical support for the draft group. The consultant arrived in the first week of January 09
13	Jan 09	The first draft of the Afghanistan UPR state report was ready by 20 January 09, and then the 2 nd workshop on UPR was conducted for government representatives and civil society organizations to allow the participants to express their views on the draft UPR state report. The workshop was held for two days at the Afghanistan MoFA. The workshop held from 22 to 25 January 2009. The UPR draft was shared with university lecturers, elders, influential, human rights activists, writers, women, children, representatives of minority groups, and wide range of social stratum and final report was reviewed by the steering committee, for submission to the cabinet of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

14	Jan 20-25 09	English translation of the first draft of the UPR state report began and completed between 20-25 January and forwarded to the UN Human Rights Council.
15	Jan 09	From 21-25 January 2009 the second consultant, an expert on UPR reporting was dispatched by CILC from the Netherlands. English shared with the CILC expert and consistency with international reporting standards.
16	Jan 09	By the end of Jan 2009 the English version of the draft UPR will was finalized and forwarded to the Afghanistan Permanent Delegation to Geneva before 2 nd February 2009 (submission deadline of the Afghanistan UPR state report to the UN Human Rights Council).
17	Feb 09	Following submission of the Afghanistan UPR state report, follow up activities will be undertaken on the comments and recommendations of the UN HR Council by the Secretariat of the UPR reporting process in the MoFA Directorate of Human Rights & Women's International Affairs. Members of the Secretariat will actively consider the issues recommended by the UN Human Rights Council.
18	Feb 09	Between Feb to May 09 the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan will be designated to present the country UPR state report to the UN HR Council. The delegation will consist of 10 members from different ministries including one member from Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC) and one member from Civil Society, which will be selected by the end of February and will be trained on accurate presentation of Afghanistan UPR state report, by the Human Rights and Women's International Affairs Directorate of MoFA, in order to be ready to appropriately defend the Afghanistan UPR report and respond to all questions raised by the Human Rights Council of the UN.
19	May 09	The next stage of the Afghanistan UPR state report will be obtaining the results of discussions and deliberations of the UN Human Rights Council on Afghanistan UPR state report and presentation of recommendations to the cabinet of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan for addressing shortcomings and shortfalls on the human rights situation in Afghanistan.

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