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## THE OFFICE FOR THE COMPUTERIZATION OF THE POLICE PAYROLL

**July 12, 2004 Kabul** – The Ministry of Interior, the implementing agency of the ‘Support to Law & Order in Afghanistan’ project, inaugurated today the office for the computerization of the police payroll in Afghanistan.

The launch of this new Electronic Payroll System (EPS) is a crucial step forward for efforts to improve the timeliness, efficiency and accountability of salary payments to the National Afghan Police and the Ministry of Interior. Procedures that are now manual, paper-based and bureaucratic will be replaced by a system that enables the fast, automated and reliable processing and controlling of data in the areas of finance, logistics, personnel and budgeting. The EPS also conforms to international best practices and is compatible with the public sector payroll system developed by the Ministry of Finance with the support of USAID.

The EPS will expand over time into all of the 32 provincial police offices, and with continuing improvement in the geographical coverage of telecommunications facilities in the country, the system is expected to be functional online, as well.

The establishment of the EPS, part of the ‘Support to Law and Order’ project, is funded through the Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan (LOTFA) by a special contribution of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). It benefits from in-kind support from the European Commission and ISAF.

This activity is one of the several activities already implemented by the Ministry of Interior with funding from the UNDP-managed Law & Order Trust Fund. Other activities being undertaken or initiated include: reimbursement of police salaries and other police costs through the Ministry of Finance; procurement of non-lethal equipment, rehabilitation of police facilities; training and institution building. Although a relatively modest activity compared to other LOTFA-funded activities, this project is expected to have a large and significant impact at the national level.

LOTFA was established by the UNDP jointly with the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) in May 2002. The primary purpose of this fund is to finance priority police activities in the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan.

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