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DIAG Facility Within Ministry of Interior Inaugurated

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A dedicated facility within the Ministry of Interior for the implementation of the initiative for Disbandment of Illegal Armed Groups (DIAG) was unveiled at an impressive function, here today.

Minister of Interior, Hanif Atmar, the Vice-Chair of the Demobilization and Integration Commission (D&RC), and the Special Advisor to the President on Internal Security, Mohammad Masoom Stanekzai, the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General (DSRSG), Chris



Alexander and the Ambassador of Japan to Afghanistan, Hideo Sato were present on the occasion. Others who spoke included the deputy Country Director of UNDP, Ian Holland.

The DIAG programme is being implemented in 84 districts, of which 43 districts have achieved 'compliance'. To date, under the DIAG initiative, over 42,000 heavy and light weapons have been collected. Close to 10,600 of the weapons confiscated or collected from these groups are presently in

use by the Afghan Security Forces. Establishing a weapon registration and licensing system within the Ministry of Interior (MoI) has enabled over 14,000 additional weapons to be brought under the control of the Government.

The DIAG programme supports government objectives to bring stability to Afghanistan through the continuing process of demilitarization. The programme also focuses on removing from office those Government Officials with proven links to Illegal Armed Groups (GOLIAGs). Out of the 72 targeted GOLIAGs, 31 have been brought under DIAG compliance, 16 others have been terminated from service while 20 continue to defy compliance. The UNDP and UNAMA-supported Afghanistan's New Beginnings Programme (ANBP) has been providing logistical and technical support to the Government of Afghanistan for the implementation of the DIAG programme.

By focusing at the district level through the District Disarmament Initiative (DDI), the DIAG programme seeks to better measure compliance, mobilize community support for disarmament and create a potential for promoting police, judicial and administrative reform at the district level.

The DIAG effort also involves bringing the operation of private security companies under the rule of law by supporting a regulatory framework and building institutional capacity within the Ministry of Interior for its implementation.

The DIAG initiative seeks to reinforce the importance of the police force in the safety and security of Afghan citizens. Efforts are underway towards transfer of full implementation, including logistical and operational responsibilities of the DIAG programme, to the Ministry of Interior.

The DIAG programme started in June 2005, when officially announced by Vice President Abdul Karim Khalili.
