

Anti-Corruption Summit – London 2016
Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Country Statement

1. On exposing corruption, the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan commits to:

- Establishing the **High Council for Governance, Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption**,
- Establishing **public central registers of company beneficial ownership information**,
- Ensuring that law enforcement agencies have **full and effective access to beneficial ownership information** for companies and other legal entities registered within their jurisdiction,
- **Implementing bilateral arrangements** that will ensure law enforcement in one partner country has full and effective access to the beneficial ownership information of companies incorporated in the other partner country,
- Taking steps to ensure **transparency of the ownership and control of all companies involved in property purchase and public contracting**,
- **Supporting the establishment of transparent central registers of foreign companies** bidding on public contracts and buying property, and intend to explore options for taking similar action,
- **Joining the pilot initiative for automatic exchange of beneficial information**.
- Deploying **public-private information sharing partnerships** to bring together governments, law enforcement, regulators and the financial sector to detect, prevent and disrupt money laundering linked to corruption,
- Working together with all countries to **share information between respective public-private partnerships** to ensure the most effective response to international money laundering,
- Working towards phased implementation of the principles of the **Open Contracting Data Standard**, focusing on major projects as an early priority,
- Exploring the implementation of principles of the **Open Data Charter**,
- Undertaking **IMF Fiscal Transparency Evaluation**,
- To working together to **enhance company disclosure** (regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals), **complementing on-going work within the EITI**, reporting progress via the Open Government Partnership or EITI working groups, exploring the scope for a **common global reporting standard**, and working together to build a common understanding and strengthen the evidence for transparency in this area,
- Supporting **voluntary disclosures through EITI reporting** and by some major companies regarding payments to governments for the sale of oil, gas and minerals,
- Supporting the **new 2016 EITI Standard**, in particular the **requirements on beneficial ownership** and the sale of the state's share of production,
- Signing up to the **Common Reporting Standard initiative** on taxation,
- Joining the **Addis Tax Initiative**,
- **Reviewing penalties and other action against professional enablers of tax evasion**, including for corporations that fail to prevent their employees from facilitating tax evasion,

- Supporting the **development of a global commitment for public country by country reporting on tax information for large multinational enterprises**

2. On punishing the corrupt and supporting those who have suffered from corruption, the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan commits to:

- Establishing the **Anti-Corruption Justice Centre**
- Establishing accessible central databases of companies with final convictions,
- Exploring ways of sharing **information on corrupt bidders across borders**,
- Strengthening asset recovery legislation, including through non-conviction based confiscation powers and the introduction of unexplained wealth orders,
- Developing internationally endorsed guidelines for the transparent and accountable management of returned stolen assets,
- Common principles governing the payment of compensation to the countries affected, to ensure that such payments are made safely, fairly and in a transparent manner,

3. On driving out the culture of corruption, wherever it exists, the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan commits to:

- Joining the International Sport Integrity Partnership,
- Launching a practitioner partnership on institutional integrity, coordinated by the OECD
- Participating in an Innovation Hub that will facilitate the uptake of new approaches and technologies to tackle corruption,
- Working with other countries, civil society, international organisations to support accelerated implementation of the voluntary provisions of the UN Convention Against Corruption,
- Supporting the establishment of an OECD Anti-corruption centre to strengthen the impact and coherence of the OECD existing anti-corruption work,
- Working with other countries, including Bulgaria, to build on existing capacity building programs between their Ministries of Interior, incorporating a new focus on practitioner exchange and trainings of internal anti corruption bodies.