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The Free and Fair Elections Foundation of Afghanistan (FEFA), as an independent and non-partisan observation body, welcomes the establishment of the Panel of Experts for investigation of the difficulties and irregularities mentioned by the JEMB in its statement from Oct. 11th.

Already in March 2004, shortly after its establishment, FEFA had identified the need and importance of such a commission. The Foundation had submitted a press statement at that time to the related authorities. The press statement, unfortunately, was not heard carefully by the authorities. It states:

"A commission be established with the authority, to accept complaints and monitor compliance and violations of the election laws."

FEFA believes that the presence of a representative coming from one of the Afghan national institutions within the panel that is to investigate on the difficulties and irregularities mentioned by the JEMB would be more effective.

FEFA has done observation in all the provinces of Afghanistan, and has noticed many violations during the election process. FEFA believes that the time given by the panel to submit complaints is not enough, considering the communication and transportation problems existing in Afghanistan.

We therefore appeal to the panel to extend the date for collection of complaints, in order to make sure the information submitted to the panel are accurate and include necessary documents.

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