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PREFACE

The National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) takes great pleasure in presenting Afghanistan's Second National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Compilation of this important report was not without its challenges, particularly concerning the availability of reliable and accurate data. Nonetheless, NEPA are proud of the efforts of the National Study Teams and the cooperation of the Central Statistics Organisation in overcoming these challenges. The National Study Teams, comprising representatives of government ministries and agencies as well as academia, were able to compile the most up-to-date and in-depth study of Afghanistan's climate change situation yet produced despite data shortages and capacity constraints.

These experiences have only served to strengthen the resolve of the Government and People of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to address climate change, as probably the greatest risk facing this or any other generation. NEPA recognises that Afghanistan's involvement in UNFCCC processes is critical to this, and is thus glad to submit this Second National Communication in pursuit of the country's commitments under this and other multilateral environmental agreements. Moreover, NEPA and all other national stakeholders look forward to the Biennial Update Report, Third National Communication and other processes whereby Afghanistan's will be able to improve the accuracy and detail of its reports on how the country is addressing climate change.

FOREWORD

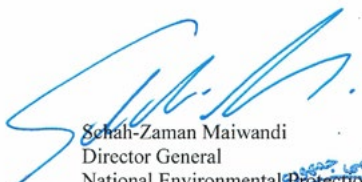
On behalf of the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, it gives me great pleasure in presenting Afghanistan's Second National Communication to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in fulfilment of our commitment under Article 12 of this Convention.


The Second National Communication informs the UNFCCC parties, all relevant decision-makers and the broader public on current trends of climate change and its consequences in Afghanistan, provides an updated inventory of greenhouse gas emissions and flows for the country, and describes the ability of Afghanistan to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation. This Communication also provides a brief overview of completed, ongoing and planned measures of the Government, general public, business community and donors aimed at addressing climate change issues. It thus not only describes our endeavours towards addressing the challenges of climate change but also outlines our future strategies and planned efforts to achieve the goal of sustainable development.

The main content of the Second National Communication was discussed through a series of national workshops engaging with and attended by a wide range of stakeholders, as well as international experts and the media. All suggestions and comments received were thoroughly analysed and, as far as possible, addressed whilst finalising the document

I wish to congratulate all those involved in the process of preparing the Second National Communication, particularly the members of the National Study Teams and the National Climate Change Committee. The Communication was prepared involving all key stakeholders within these multi-disciplinary study teams and through a broad consultative process coordinated by the National Environmental Protection Agency.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan would like to acknowledge the financial and technical support of the Global Environment Facility and the United Nations Environment Programme that assisted in the fulfilment of this national obligation. Moreover, the Government would like to use this Second National Communication to reiterate the commitment of Afghanistan and its people to the principles of the UNFCCC and the fulfilment of our national obligations under it.


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