Press Release

JEMB Invitation to Observers

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As preparations for September 2005 Wolesi Jilga and Provincial Council are about to enter the registration phase, JEMB would like to encourage domestic and international organizations, groups and governments to observe all forthcoming stages of the electoral process.

"Observers have an essential role in ensuring the integrity of the electoral process by providing independent and impartial assessment of the legitimacy and credibility of the elections", said JEMB Commissioner Mastoora Stanikzai.

Accredited observers will have access to key components of the electoral process, including voter registration, polling and counting.

In order to broaden the awareness of the process of accreditation for observers, the JEMB will issue a Public Notice on June 18, inviting observers for the 2005 Wolesi Jirga and Provincial Council Elections in Afghanistan.

Prior to observing, it is mandatory that interested organizations apply for accreditation at the JEMB Headquarters in Kabul, or at one of the 34 JEMBS Provincial offices.

Forms for requesting accreditation of observer organizations are available on the website www.jemb.org and at JEMB Headquarters with the Accreditation and Observer Facilitation Section.

The JEMB will only accredit organizations, not individuals. The Secretariat will then register individual observers as persons representing the accredited organizations.

Accredited observer organizations will assume responsibilities for all financial and logistical arrangements related to their activities.

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