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**Independent Election Commission Press Release with respect to the
Statements of Attorney General's Office about Final Results of 2010 WJ
Elections
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The Independent Election Commission in accordance to the article 156 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan: (The Independent Election Commission, for the purpose of administering and supervising any kind of elections and referring to referendum in the country in accordance with the Law, is established), Is the only legal authority, established for administering, implementing and supervising elections in the country. The IEC has always acted in line with the Law and in the light of ordinances of the operative laws in the country independently.

It is worth mentioning that the Electoral Law specifies the decision-making organizations of electoral issues (i.e. they are the IEC and the ECC.) The ECC is responsible for adjudication of all electoral complaints, decisions of which are final, while certification and announcement of the final results are only under authorities of the IEC.

Unfortunately, two weeks following announcement of the final results for 2010 WJ elections, the Attorney General's Office (AGO) of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, expressed various irresponsible statements with reference to the final results of 2010 WJ elections. Moreover, the AGO has tried to interfere in the electoral process by questioning the election results with excuses such as violations of the electoral law, offences and election fraud.

The IEC emphasizes that it is the only legally mandated institution that certifies and announces results of Elections and such authority does not fall under any other organization's jurisdiction. The results of 34 electoral constituencies of 2010 WJ elections were announced by IEC on 24th Nov, 2010 and of the one other constituency, taking note of the technical problems was announced on 01st, Dec, 2010 with one week delay.

Following announcement of the final results, considering article No. 83 and 86 of the constitution, the Lower House (Wolesi Jirga) has been established and the final results cannot be challenged by any institution.

Once again, the IEC insists implicitly that the IEC and the ECC are the only two institutions responsible for organizing elections (IEC) and complaint adjudication (ECC) of elections in Afghanistan. No other organization possesses the authority of expressing a statement and making a decision pertaining to electoral matters. The IEC believes that irresponsible statements of other organizations related to electoral issues would lead Afghanistan towards a political crisis and such organization will be responsible for such a crisis.

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