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PROJECT BOARD MEETING

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Points from BOMNAF meeting with the European Union, the Afghan Border Police and UNDP Kabul during the project staff's travel to Kabul from 05 to 08 Nov 2012

Appointment	Name	Contacts
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During the BOMNAF periodic administration and liaison visit to Kabul during 05 to 08 November, the Project Manager met with the project beneficiaries and donors to update on the project progress to date and to discuss future plans and actions, as well as address administrative issues.

Key points of the meeting are as following:

- **Afghan Border Police.** The ABP Commander informed meeting attendees about cancelation of his recent travel to Iran for participation in a Conference organized by UNODC and briefly spoke about general situation of the countrywide borders. He intends to travel along the entire borders of the Country. This plan includes travel to the Northern Border with access to some places through the territory of Tajikistan. BOMNAF expressed preparedness to provide support during this travel deemed necessary.
- BOMNAF PM briefed participants on the progress of the project, success and challenges so far. The Commander is well informed about the training component of the project as a result of joint trainings conducted at OSCE BM Staff College in Dushanbe. The ABP Commander encouraged BOMNAF to inform and feedback on challenges faced on the field, and the ABP will look into provision of support to overcome those challenges. Colonel Tajibaev, BOMAF National Liaison Officer informed the participants about the project plan to organize a Conference in Dushanbe sometime next year, which was received as a good idea and initiative for Cooperation and Collaboration by the meeting participants.

ABP Chief of Training, Col Gulnabi Talosh handed over to BOMNAF a list with feedback and suggestion from the training participants who were trained in Dushanbe.

- **Delegation of the European Union to Afghanistan.** BOMNAF handed over a detailed Power Point Presentation to the EU office in digital format for further reference.

Future phases of BOMNAF were also discussed in some detail. The EU Ambassador foresees more regional cross-border cooperation in future, probably with less construction. It should also be ensured that previously built facilities are being actively used by beneficiaries, as currently there are some facilities with no proper use (i.e at Sherkhan Bandar - not built by BOMNAF).

In response, PM replied that BOMNAF sees infrastructure provision as one of the main needs in the Northern Border. The newly and/or potentially built bridges over the Amu Darya River should be accompanied by proper facilities for Border Crossing Points to function. Otherwise these bridges will remain closed with the possibility of no input into regional cooperation and trade facilitation.

Two originals of the countersigned Addendum #1 to the BOMNAF Project Document were also handed to the EU representatives in Kabul.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'William Lawrence', written in black ink.

William LAWRENCE
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