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Melbourne - After almost three decades of war and civil unrest, today Afghanistan and the Afghan nation practice democracy like any other democratic nation around the world. The tragic incident of September 11 drew the attention of the international community that the roots of terrorism lie in Afghanistan and its neighbouring countries.

After the liberation of Afghanistan from the Taliban in 2001, Afghanistan has faced major transformations and has taken solid steps towards peace, stability and reconstruction. Some of the major achievements of the Afghan government are as follows:

- Successful and democratic presidential election
- Afghanistan parliamentary elections (with 27% female participation)
- More than 6 million children (including 35% female) attended school this year. During the Taliban regime, only 7 hundred thousand boys attended schools.
- In addition to existing schools, 1,000 schools will be built across Afghanistan by April 2007.
- After the collapse of the Taliban regime, more than 4 million Afghan refugees returned to their homeland. The repatriation included the former King of Afghanistan "King Mohammad Zahir Shah", political leaders, Afghan professionals and many more who resided in Afghanistan's neighbouring countries, Europe, America and Australia.
- Afghanistan issued new currency which is now recognized worldwide and has full backing of the international community.
- More than 10,000 people were disarmed and a great amount of pressure has been put on establishment and reforms of Afghan National Police (ANP) and Afghan National Army (ANA).
- Afghanistan is taking solid steps towards economic stability. According to International Monetary Fund (IMF) the GDP has increased from US\$180 in 2001 to US\$355 in 2005.

- The Afghan government has ensured freedom of speech and independent media. Today, more than 6 private owned television stations, 30 private radio stations and more than 300 print media operate throughout Afghanistan.
- Four private GSM Mobile phone companies provide telecommunication services throughout Afghanistan that has connected the Afghan people throughout Afghanistan and with the world.
- Similar to other sectors, Health has been Afghan government's top priority. The government has covered more than 81% of the country with government health services compared to only 9% in 2001.
- In the international level, Afghanistan has established and strengthened its relations with many countries around the world. Today, more than 45 countries have opened their embassies in Kabul; likewise, more than 60 Afghan diplomatic missions are open world wide.
- Afghanistan and its international allies adopted and approved the country's next 'five year strategic plan' in January 2006. The strategy is named "Afghan National Development Strategy" and is one of Afghan Government's milestones towards development and reconstruction of the country.

Despite the ongoing threat of terrorism and extremism in the region, the Afghan government has strived for transparency, accountability and bringing peace and stability in the country by achieving the aforesaid courses of actions. Notwithstanding, some problems which are fed from one another still remain as challenges for the Afghan government:

- Terrorism
- Corruption
- Drugs and Narcotics
- Draught due to global warming and climate changes

The Afghan government is firmly committed to eradicate terrorism from the region and it is believed the abolition of terrorism from the area will put an end to administrative corruption and the production of drugs and narcotics in the country.

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