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Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
Electoral Complaints Commission

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Dr. Azizullah Ludin
Chairman, Independent Election Commission
Jalalabad Road, Kabul

Dear Dr. Ludin,

In addition to the investigations the ECC conducted with respect to polling and counting irregularities, the ECC has also been investigating possible misconduct by polling workers in the course of the August 20 election. These investigations are ongoing, as they do not affect certification of the first round election results.

Based on the ECC's decisions to invalidate certain fraudulent ballot boxes, the ECC believes that a number of IEC staff may be responsible for misconduct by either perpetrating or allowing fraud in applicable stations. In particular, the ECC determined that 1391 of the polling stations that were scheduled to be open on polling day showed clear and convincing evidence of fraud, which are identified in the attached Annex A. This list includes 741 stations that the ECC's audit and recount decision determined to be 96 percent fraudulent.

The ECC has strong reason to suspect that the polling workers responsible for these specific stations may be responsible either for committing electoral misconduct, or at least not doing an effective job at preventing it. The ECC therefore requests that the IEC provide it with a list of names of polling workers responsible for these polling stations so that the ECC may investigate their conduct during the polling and counting process.

In addition, The ECC has calculated that 452 polling centers scheduled to be open on polling day had at least 50 percent of their polling stations determined to be fraudulent, based on the ECC's polling and counting decisions. These centers are listed in Annex B. The ECC also requests that the IEC provide the names of the individuals responsible for managing these polling centers, so that it may investigate potential misconduct.

Finally, the ECC found that 23 polling districts had had at least 50 percent of their polling stations determined to be fraudulent, based on the ECC's polling and counting decisions. These districts are listed in the attached Annex C. This high rate of fraud calls into question the

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conduct of the district-level polling staff, who may have either been complicit in fraud or at least did not do an effective job at preventing it. The ECC therefore requests that the IEC provide the names of the individuals responsible for the conduct of polling in these districts so that it may investigate potential misconduct.

For all of the individuals indicated by this request, the ECC also requests the IEC's response as to whether or not the IEC believes they are responsible for electoral misconduct and what, if any, remedial actions the IEC has taken or plans to take in response.

With Best Regards,

Grant Kippen
Chairman
Electoral Complaints Commission

