



**Independent Joint Anti-Corruption
Monitoring & Evaluation Committee**

NEWS RELEASE: MEC Welcomes Two New International Committee Members

Kabul, Afghanistan, February 21, 2016 – MEC is pleased to announce the approval of two new international Committee Members, Dr. Slagjana Taseva from the Republic of Macedonia and Dr. Mark Pyman from the United Kingdom (UK). President Ashraf Ghani approved their nominations on November 28, 2015, following the resignations of Committee Members Mme. Eva Joly and Mr. Drago Kos earlier in the year.

Dr. Slagjana Taseva is an expert specializing in financial crimes, corruption, and organized crime. She holds a Ph.D. in Law from Sts. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje and is a professor of criminal law and criminology. She is the Founder and Chair of Transparency International (TI) Macedonia and a Member of the Academic Advisory Board of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) in Austria. Dr. Taseva headed the Group of States Against Corruption (GRECO) Macedonian delegation from 2007 to 2012 and in 2008 was appointed Dean of the Faculty for Detectives and Criminalists at the European University of the Republic of Macedonia.

Since 2004, Dr. Mark Pyman has been leading TI's global efforts to prevent corruption in the security sector as the Director of TI UK's Defence and Security Programme. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Western Australia and is a Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. Separate from his work with TI, Dr. Pyman often advises the UK government on program strategy and management. Prior to his work with TI, Dr. Pyman was a senior executive at the oil company Shell International, and was Chief Financial Officer for Shell in West Africa and in China.

With the President's approval, Dr. Taseva and Dr. Pyman join fellow Committee Members Dr. Shaukat Hassan (Chair), Yasin Osmani, Zakem Shah, and Dr. Yama Torabi. MEC's governing Committee is now fully staffed with three international and three Afghan Members, and is well-positioned to continue its efforts to fight corruption in Afghanistan.

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