Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan Education Commission

Representatives of the Education Commission of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan and the education representative of Helmand Province have come to an agreement on the following points - both sides agree that:

Article 1: Schools, religious centers, other educational buildings and administrative facilities are assets and national values, and the protection of these assets is the duty of the Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan. The Emirates will work, day and night to develop and promote the importance of teaching and education. During preaching hours, at mosques, the Imams (*Mullah or Head of the Mosque*) will be responsible for highlighting the importance of education.

Article 2: The Education Directorate should dispatch inspectors, supervisors and other educational officials to the relevant districts; the Emirates is obligated to protect them.

Article 3: Regional and central staff and officials of the Ministry of Education can confidently travel and monitor the areas under the control of the Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan, but representatives traveling from the capital should inform the relevant local [educational] authorities before they travel.

Article 4: The Ministry of Education and its departments can carry out any construction work related to schools or religious centers and no military or non-military members of the Islamic Emirates will interfere.

Article 5: The Ministry of Education staff will start reopening closed schools and Islamic centers from today. Any civilian or military official that tries to obstruct this process will be identified and punished according to the Sharia law (Islamic Law).

Article 6: Local [education] authorities are responsible for establishing additional centers or classes in areas where people do not have access to education.

Article 7: The Emirates assures you that all the seized properties of the Ministry of Education will be liberated from usurpers and given back to you. However, the Ministry representatives must [in advance] prepare and bring the original and certified blueprints (maps) of the properties.

Article 8: All Textbooks, stationary and other aid packages for schools and religious centers that are provided by partner organizations will be responsibly delivered. The Emirates should be notified immediately should any problem arises in this regard.

Article 9: The parties will convene regular management meetings to address all the problems and obstacles of education, and the representatives of education can share their feelings and problems without any worry or fear.

Article 10: Teachers/headteachers and managers who do not come to work due to negligence, will be marked as absent and their salaries will be deducted so that we can make them adhere to their duties.

The above ten points are approved and enforced after much discussion and each party will execute them with complete sincerity.