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THE RULE OF LAW PLATFORM SHARES EUROPEAN LAW DRAFTING EXPERIENCE WITH TAJIK CIVIL SERVANTS AND MPs

Dushanbe, 01 July 2013 – On 2-3 July 2013, the "Rule of Law Platform – Central Asia" project will hold a training workshop on law drafting techniques, in co-operation with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Tajikistan, in the framework of the Rule of Law Initiative for Central Asia established by the EU and led by France and Germany.

Specialists from Parliament (Majlisi Oli), ministries and government agencies from the Tajikistan will participate to this workshop, with the objective of gaining exposure to best European legislative techniques. Experts from the legislative departments of Ministries of Justice, the Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Finance of France, and from the European Parliament will present specific aspects of the enactment process of EU Member States, based on the example of bills and other normative acts, including annual budget laws. The use of perfected law drafting techniques contributes to improving legal certainty and to strengthening the rule of law. The Rule of Law Platform project is committed to increasing the capacities of democratic institutions of Tajikistan and the other Central Asian States. The Platform training programme aims at strengthening the knowledge of legal and judicial international standards and practices among judicial and legal professionals and civil servants in Central Asia.

Ambassador Eduard Auer, Head of the EU Delegation to Tajikistan will co-chair the workshop, along with Mr. Rustam Mengliev, Minister of Justice of the Republic of Tajikistan.

A key element of the EU-Central Asia Strategy for a New Partnership, the "Rule of Law Initiative for Central Asia" constitutes the overarching regional framework for enhanced cooperation in the Rule of Law area, aimed at supporting legal reforms in Central Asia and the sharing of EU experience. Under the auspices of the Rule of Law Initiative, the Rule of Law Platform regional project acts as a support mechanism to facilitate policy dialogue and promote the measures contributing to legal reforms in each of the Central Asian countries. The Platform is being funded by the European Union to the sum of 1,8 million Euro.

Time and date: 2-3 July 2013, 10.00 – 17.30 (Registration will start at 9.30)

Venue: Dushanbe, Ministry of Justice

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