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**In the name of Allah, the most merciful, the most gracious  
Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan  
The Supreme Court  
General Directorate of the Secretariat  
Department of Correspondences  
Circulars Section**

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**To the Officials of the Cassations, Divisions, Appellate, and Primary Courts  
of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan!**

May Peace and Mercy and Blessings of Allah be Upon You!

A meeting took place on 12/2/1445 A.H. (28 August 2023) chaired by His Excellency Amirul Momenin, May Allah Protect Him, the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. In attendance were key judicial and provincial officials, including the Head and Deputy Head for Judicial Affairs of the Supreme Court, the Director of the General Division of Cassation of the Southwest Zone, and various provincial Governors. The agenda focused on establishing penalties for the cultivation, distribution, transportation, and consumption of poppy and hashish, as well as other intoxicants. These penalties were systematically organized into articles and forwarded to the Office of the Supreme Leader via letter no. 54/29, dated 20/2/1445 A.H. (September 5, 2023) from the Office of the Head of the Supreme Court. Subsequently, the Office of the Leadership issued directive no. 1397, dated 15/3/1445 A.H. (30 September 2023), providing the following instructions on this matter:

((Checked:

May Peace and Mercy and Blessings of Allah be Upon You, too!

After salutation: The Drug Penal Procedures, containing 11 topics and 32 articles, is approved.)) Pursuant to the oral directive from the Office of the Head of the Supreme Court, the Drug Penal Procedures—approved by the Office of the Leadership of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan—are hereby enclosed in this circular. The document spans six pages and is directed to the Directorates, Cassation Departments, Divisions, as well as Appellate and Primary Courts under the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. All courts are instructed to adjudicate narcotics-related matters in alignment with these stipulated procedures.

Regards,  
Mufti Abdul Rasheed Saeed  
General Director of the Secretariat  
The Supreme Court

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