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

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

The High Council of the Supreme Court convened on August 7, 2023 (20/1/1445), chaired by the Chief Justice and Head of the Supreme Court. The second agenda item of the meeting concerned a letter, No. 2570, dated July 6, 2023 (18/12/1444), from the General Directorate of Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. The summary of the letter is as follows:

To litigate between natural persons in Iranian courts, parties are required to either be present or appoint a defense lawyer. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has requested that Afghan nationals in Iran who have lawsuits against natural persons and wish to pursue their cases through Afghan defense lawyers must have their power of attorney approved by either the Deputy General Directorate of Consular Affairs or the provincial offices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Without such approval from the relevant Iranian entities, the power of attorney is not considered valid in Iran.

Under Decision No. 2, dated August 7, 2023 (20/1/1445), the High Council of the Supreme Court issued the following directive:

"Afghan nationals litigating against natural persons in Iran must submit their power of attorney, prepared for their defense lawyers by the courts of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for approval."

This directive has been disseminated to all relevant Directorates of Cassations, Divisions, Appellate, and Primary Courts to ensure legal and Sharia proceedings align with the aforementioned guidance.

Respectfully,

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