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Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan Supreme Court General Directorate of Secretariat Correspondence Department Circular Section

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To: Officials the Directorates of Cassations, Diwans, Appeal and Primary Courts of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan

May peace, mercy, and blessings of Allah be upon you!

On 3 August 2022 (1444/1/5), the High Council of the Supreme Court convened under the chairmanship of His Excellency Sheikh Abdul Hakim al-Haqqani, Chief Justice, with High Council members, the heads of Central Courts, and leaders of the Central Judicial Directorates in attendance. The Council reached a resolution, documented as decision No. (3) dated 3 August 2022 (1444/1/5), mandating the communication of specific issues to the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. Following the decision, these matters were duly presented to the Supreme Leader. Its ninth subject matter was as follows:

"The delegation of authority to the Supreme Court for the appointment and dismissal of judicial employees post their initial induction could alleviate case backlogs to a degree."

In response, the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan issued the following directive concerning item nine:

"As necessitated, the responsibility for the appointment and dismissal of judges, following their initial placement in judicial roles within the primary courts of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, is provisionally conferred upon the Supreme Court for a period of one year.

The Supreme Court is tasked with compiling and conveying a report detailing the dismissal, appointment, and reassignment of judges within the primary courts to the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan for informational purposes."

Hence, this circular communicates the Supreme Leader's directive related to part 2 of the ninth item from the aforementioned meeting to all pertinent Directorates of

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Cassation, Divisions, Appellate, and Primary Courts so that the legal and Sharia proceedings will be made in accordance with the aforementioned direction.

Respectfully,

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