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**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL UNITED STATES ATTORNEYS
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FROM: Paul J. McNulty
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SUBJECT: Department of Justice Support to Iraq and Afghanistan

Continued support to the Governments of Iraq and Afghanistan remain among the highest national security priorities for the United States. As you know, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has sent some of its best prosecutors to help implement reconstruction efforts and we will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. In addition, Attorney General Gonzales himself has made two trips to Iraq to meet with the brave men and women from the Department serving in Iraq and to express his support for their mission.

Eight prosecutors now serve in Iraq as Resident Legal Advisors, six of whom serve as Rule of Law Coordinators on Provincial Reconstruction Teams (PRTs). In addition, 10 prosecutors serve with the Regime Crimes Liaison Office, which the Attorney General established pursuant to National Security Presidential Directive 37 to assist the Iraqi Higher Tribunal in the investigation and prosecution of Saddam Hussein and other officials of his regime for crimes specified in the Tribunal's Statute.

With the President's announcement of the "New Way Forward" in Iraq, we are engaged in interagency planning for an expansion of the Iraq PRT mission. In the end, we may be called upon to staff 20 or more PRTs total throughout the country in support of the new strategy. In addition, the Ambassador in Baghdad has announced the reorganization of the Rule of Law Component within the Embassy, and he asked the Attorney General for his personal support in staffing that office. Finally, we anticipate that additional attorney positions will be requested to staff a new Law and Order Task Force task force in Baghdad. The National Security Council has placed a high priority on these initiatives, and has asked the Department to fill the positions by mid-summer at the latest. As for the RCLO in Iraq, the mission will eventually be reduced, but we may still require prosecutor support for at least the next two years.

In Afghanistan, the Department's criminal justice assistance programs focus on counter-narcotics investigations and prosecutions of narcotics-related and corruption offenses. The DOJ "Senior Federal Prosecutors Program" provides assistance by: (1) drafting proposed criminal laws and procedures; (2) establishing, training, and mentoring (along with international counterparts) the Criminal Justice Task Force (CJTF) of Afghan prosecutors and police investigators who investigate and prosecute mid-and high-level narcotics-trafficking and narcotics-related offenses before the Central Narcotics Tribunal (CNT), a court with exclusive nationwide jurisdiction over these crimes; and (3) providing, upon request, criminal law advice to U.S. Embassy and Afghan officials and to U.S. law enforcement. The Senior Federal Prosecutors Program also provides advice to the American Ambassador and Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy in Kabul, to the Afghanistan Attorney General's Office, and on anti-

corruption matters. Working with the Department of State, the Government of Afghanistan, and our coalition partners, DOJ is already planning to expand the CJTF and CNT. I fully expect that our support for the Afghanistan mission will continue to grow over time.

I know that these deployments strain the resources of your offices at a time when you are dedicating your efforts to other high priority programs. Nevertheless, the President has asked that we support these missions for without establishing the foundations and institutions for the rule of law in both countries, other efforts toward establishing security, economic and political stability, and respect for individual rights cannot succeed. The Department's role is among the most important that it has ever undertaken to advance the rule of law in support of our urgent national security interests. To the extent permissible through available appropriations and interagency agreements, supporting components will be reimbursed for all costs of supporting these initiatives.

Interested Assistant United States Attorneys and staff attorneys can obtain additional information about the programs in Iraq and Afghanistan from, or send a resume and cover letter via e-mail to:

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