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The EU commends the Afghan Government on new by-law on media

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Today the Afghan Mass Media Commission launched the by-law on Establishment and Activity of Private Mass Media.

The new by-law issues minimum requirements in a number of important areas like for instance contracts, safety, insurance, including medical insurance, and pension for media workers.

"The EU commends the Afghan Government on the new by-law that is a step forward for a free and critical press in Afghanistan. Already Afghanistan has one of the most professional press corps in the region. We now need to see the by-law implemented and call upon the Afghan Government to make sure that this happens," says the EU Special Representative in Afghanistan, Ambassador Franz-Michael Mellbin.

Freedom of the press and freedom of expression are fundamental rights of any free society and is strongly supported by the EU. The people of Afghanistan have in the last decade enjoyed a high level of freedom of the press and expression. This is key to the further development of a democratic society in Afghanistan.

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