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Intensifying the fight against corruption – Government and EU in Afghanistan hosting anti-corruption conference

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Tomorrow, the European Union's 2017 anti-corruption campaign will conclude with a high level Anti-Corruption Conference held in the Presidential Palace co-hosted between their excellences, the President of Afghanistan and the EU Ambassador to Afghanistan.

"Our campaign has put focus on some of the key challenges when it comes to stepping up the fight against corruption. The conference will address those very same issues. We highly appreciate the engagement of the Afghan Government along with a very strong turnout from key ministers and high ranking officials. I look forward to hearing what the plans from the Government side are to fight this scourge. Let the Government and other key players from the international community discuss what we can do to support this," says European Union Special Representative to Afghanistan, Ambassador Franz-Michael Mellbin.

With the title 'Intensifying the Fight against Corruption in Afghanistan', the conference will focus on prevention of corruption in the Justice Sector, the Security Sector and the Mining Industry. Also "Prevention and Public Education" will be on the agenda.

H.E President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and the European Union Special Representative to Afghanistan, Ambassador Franz-Michael Mellbin, will give the opening speeches. Among the other speakers at the conference will be H.E 2nd VP, Sarwar Danish, National Security Advisor, Mohammad Hanif Atmar, Acting Minister of Mines and Petroleum, Narges Nehan, UN SRSG, Tadamichi Yamamoto and the US Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, John F. Sopko.

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