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MOWA Holds its First Ministry-Level Planning Workshop on the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan

Deputy Minister of Transportation expresses his Ministry's commitment to addressing women's issues in the transportation sector

Kabul, April 12 2005 – A joint planning workshop between the Ministry of Women's Affairs and Ministry of Transportation has resulted in high-level commitment towards addressing women's issues in the transportation sector. Held with the technical support of UNIFEM, the April 10 workshop brought together over 45 participants including high officials and deputy ministers of the Ministry of Transportation to discuss and improve transportation policy for women.

The workshop participants worked at identifying the problems Afghan women face in transportation and recommend ways of modifying policy and program measures for the benefit of women. In his comments on the outcomes of the workshop, Deputy Transportation Minister for Policy and technical concerns, Mr. Muhammad Hashim Waez Zada, described the workshop findings as important for all citizens, men and women alike. He expressed the Ministry of Transportation's commitment to addressing women's transportation issues with other line partners in the sector.

The results of the workshop will form part of the National Action Plan for the Women of Afghanistan that is being developed by the Ministry of Women's Affairs via government and civil society level consultations. The Ministry of Transportation is the first Afghan ministry to undertake this process.

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