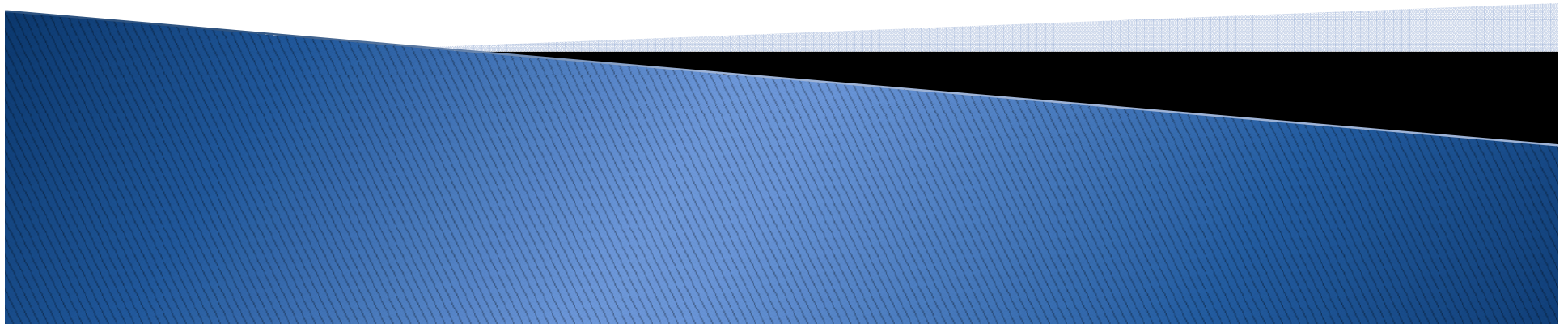**Inter-Parliamentary Union**
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STRATEGIC PLANNING OF ICT DEPARTMENT WOLESI JIRGA

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Topics:

- Vision
- Strategy
- Future Plan
- Necessity

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Vision

- Using Information Technology for more transparency and accountability for fulfilling the 3 major duties of Members of Parliament.
  1. Facilitate Legislative process.
  2. Strong overseeing of government activities.
  3. Effective representation of people.

Strategy 1:

1. Creation of Infrastructure of ICT
- Networking
- Servers
- ICT Policies and Rules
- ISP Services (Internet)
- Communication Services (Local and External Telephones)
- Technical Services (MP's, Senators & Staff Offices).

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Strategy 2:

- 2. Coordination between Inter Parliamentary Ministries and Provinces (Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Ministry of Justice etc…)
- E-Mail Services
- Databases (Legislative, Budget, Bill Tracking etc…)
- Website
- Video Conference (e.g. Presidential Office, governor's office etc…)

Strategy 3:

3. Managing relation between people, media and Parliament.

- ▸ Parliament Radio
- ▸ DCN (Digital Congress Network) System
- ▸ Media Pool System
- ▸ Archiving
- ▸ Live Telecast with assistance of National Tv (RTA).

Strategy 4:

- 4. Capacity Building:
- Explaining ICT Vision and Encouraging them to use the modern technology (MP's, Senators and Staff).
- Training for MP's, Parliament Staff and MP's Personal Assistants.
- On Jobs training for Committees and maintenance of ICT network and system (Computers, Laptops, Scanners etc...)

Strategy 5:

- 5. Fundraising (Achievement):
- Media Pool System by US Embassay Kabul (2011)
- Wireless Translation System by UNDP/SEAL 2 (2008)
- DCN System by UNDP/SEAL (2005)
- Video Conference System by UNDP (2005)
- DELL Servers by UNDP/ SEAL (2005)

FUTURE PLANNING

- E- Parliament.
  - Legislative Bill Tracking System
  - E-Library.
  - Paper Less Office (E- Corresponding)
  - E-Voting
  - E-Attandance
  - Independent Parliament Radio & TV.

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NECESSITIES

1. Update ICT Infrastructure (since 2005)
   ▶ Servers
   ▶ Computers (Desktop, Laptop etc…)
   ▶ Licensed Software's.
   ▶ Network's.
   ▶ Operating Systems

2. Capacity Building & Training:
   ▶ Advance Training for ICT Staff and MP's.
   ▶ Under Graduate & Post Graduate Scholarships.

3. Financial & Technical Support for ICT Projects.

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Afghan New Parliament Building

▸ The new parliament building is under construction by the government of India and according to the information given by the project manager the building will be hand over to Parliament staff end of 2015. We hope that in coming five years we could have the following systems in our new parliament building. It's worth to mention that Afghan Parliament appreciates the kindness of India Government.

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