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Members of the U.S. Contracting Community,

After considerable negotiation, a Technical Taxation Working Group consisting of members of Resolute Support Headquarters and the U.S. Embassy, Kabul, and Ministry of Finance have come to a mutual understanding which is yet to be approved by the Cabinet.

In the meantime, if the Ministry of Finance has assessed your company "legacy" Business Receipts Tax, Income Taxes, Dividend Taxes or Subcontractor Taxes (for non-Afghan companies), please contact MAJ Kristofer Thompson via email at kristofer.j.thompson@afghan.swa.army.mil. Send the "Doing Business As" name for your company/companies between 2009 and 2014, AISA business license number, Tax Identification Number and contract number of the assessed contracts. International Agreements Branch of Resolute Support Headquarters will collect this data, and present it to the Ministry of Finance. This information will allow MoF to release frozen bank accounts, remove employees from the Afghan "No Fly" list and produce a letter which will allow AISA to renew licenses of the affected companies. This is a temporary solution until a final decision is rendered by the Afghan Cabinet.

While this agreement will allow companies to proceed with their business activities in Afghanistan, it is not a blanket forgiveness of legitimate outstanding taxes and fees due to the Ministry of Finance. Late fees for filing, and withholding taxes for Afghan employees, Afghan vendors and Afghan lessors will not be waived by this agreement.

Please send the requested information to MAJ Kristofer Thompson's email address by close of business on Wednesday, April 27.

Sincerely,

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