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JSSP STAFF SNAPSHOT - RAZIA SAYAD APPOINTED COMMISSIONER OF AFGHANISTAN INDEPENDENT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

Ms. Razia Sayad, a former JSSP senior staff member, was recently appointed to the Afghanistan Children’s Rights Commissioner at the Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC). In this role she will lead the AIHRC mandate to protect and promote the rights of children throughout Afghanistan.

Razia Sayad joined the Justice Sector Support Program (JSSP) in August 2017 as a Legislative Tracking Advisor in the Legislative Capacity Building (LCB) component. In this role she tracked the legislative processes in the Ministry of Justice, Council of Ministers, Ministry of Parliamentarian Affairs, and Parliament. As a JSSP Advisor, Razia chaired meetings, led discussions, drafted memos, and lobbied for approval when key legislation decisions were delayed. She also assisted in drafting the “Alternative to Detention and Alternative to Incarceration” bill which became law in 2018.

After three months as a Legislative Tracking Advisor, Razia was promoted to the MOWA Huquq Legal Affairs Advisor. In this role she mentored the Ministry of Women’s Affairs (MOWA) Legal Affairs Directorate (Huquq), provided technical assistance, and facilitated the MOWA Internal Legislative Drafting Committee (ILDC) bi-weekly meetings. Razia supported the ILDC to review legislative documents, policies, and strategies to ensure women’s rights were incorporated. These included the areas of property rights, women participation in elections, and the MOWA Five-Year Strategic Plan. During her tenure in this role, she completed several legislative documents, including the Regulation on Governing Duties and Responsibilities of MOWA, Marriage Registration and Dissolution Law. She also worked on the revision of the Law on Elimination of Violence against Women (LEVAW) and the draft of the Women’s Inheritance Policy.

Razia’s effective leadership allowed her to rise through the LCB ranks, and she was appointed as Acting Section Lead in March 2019.

Razia earned a Bachelor of Law from Kabul University in 2007, and a Master’s in Policy and Public Administration in 2014 through a joint program of Kabul University and Massachusetts University in the United States. JSSP thanks Razia for her vital contribution to the project. We know she will do great things at AIHRC and for the children of Afghanistan.

She is an experienced and talented person. Everyone should be so lucky to have someone like Razia as a colleague.

JSSP LCB staff member

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