SIX MONTH PROGRESS REPORT OF THE JOINT TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS
For the Period: December 2005 - May 2006

*This questionnaire on progress made by each Joint Technical Working Group is requested by the Secretariat of the Government-Donor Coordination Committee (GDCC). It should be completed and submitted to the Secretariat of the GDCC before **29 May 2006**. It will be used to prepare a summary progress report for the seventh GDCC Meeting scheduled to be held on 14 June 2006. Please return the completed questionnaire to H.E. Mr. Chhieng Yanara at CDC/CRDB in both soft and hard copies.*

TWG: LEGAL AND JUDICIAL REFORM

A. PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING TWG'S ACTION PLANS

1. Please list below activities in the Action Plans that were scheduled to be implemented during the last six months (December 2005 to May 2006) and provide an update on implementation status of these activities.

Scheduled Activities	Implementation Status			
	On Schedule	Behind Schedule	If behind schedule, reasons for delay	TWG Recommendations for GDCC Consideration, if any
i. Through a series of joint government-donor working groups, support implementing institutions to complete work required for benchmarks to be met, i.e. the principal codes, the laws on the judiciary, the anti-corruption law	X			TWG will discuss at next meeting:- a. workplan for 2006 b. TWG secretariat function c. Practices to enhance effectiveness of TWG
ii. Bi-monthly meetings of TWG		X	A number of bilateral meetings have been held instead	
iii. Meet quarterly to report on progress, discuss requests for technical assistance and determine action required to resolve any barriers to progress	X			
iv. Report to GDCC meetings as required and develop potential benchmarks for following years, related to the LJR action plans	X			
v.				
vi.				
vii.				

2. Are there any other issues affecting the implementation of TWG Action Plan that it would like to submit for GDCC's consideration.

a. There is a consensus that steps are required to enhance the effectiveness of the TWG process in this sector.

b. It would be useful to facilitate an exchange of experience between sectors on which TWG's operate more effectively, and how this experience can be shared across sectors.

B. PROGRESS ON JOINT MONITORING INDICATORS

3. If there are any Joint Monitoring Indicator(s) agreed at the 8th CG Meeting held in March 2006 that fall within the mandate of *this* TWG, please list the JMIs below and indicate progress that has been made toward achieving the JMI targets.

Joint Monitoring Indicator	What is the current implementation status?	What are the constraints that you are experiencing, if any?	What recommendations do you have, for GDCC consideration to resolve the identified constraints?
Penal Code	Draft is ready to go into inter-ministerial meeting committee (IMC)		TWG will discuss at next meeting:- a. workplan for 2006 b. TWG secretariat function c. Practices to enhance effectiveness of TWG
Code of Penal Procedures	Curren transitional provisions are being draft by MOJ, will sent to COM after a final approval IMC.		
Civil Code	Draft is ready to go into IMC.		
Code of Civil Procedures	Draft adopte by National Assembly, 26 May 2006.		
Organic Law on the Organisation and Functioning of the Courts	2/3 of the draft have been reviewed by MOJ		
Law on the Amendment of the Supreme Council of Magistracy	Draft returned to MOJ for re-drafting following abolition of SCM seretariat.		
Law on the Statute of Judges and Prosecutors	Pending. SCM has also been asked to give further comments.		
Law on Anti-Corruption	MOJ and French cooperation are ensuring the consistency with the draft of penal procedure code and penal code. Some problems need to be clarified.		
Develop a clear policy framework on access to information	MONASRI is wating for assistance.		
Complete the Draft Law Against Trafficking in Person and Sexual Exploitation and submit to COM.	MOJ and MONASRI had met each other to discuss on the Definition of the word Trafficking before sending the draft to the COM.		

C. IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF THE ACTION PLAN ON HARMONIZATION, ALIGNMENT AND RESULTS

4. What actions have you taken to implement the updated Harmonization, Alignment, and Results Action Plan? What are the constraints that you are experiencing, if any? What recommendations do you have, for GDCC consideration to resolve the identified constraints?

Action Taken	Update
i. No action,	
ii.	
iii.	

D. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

5. Has the TWG been able to mobilize the resources to implement its Action Plan for 2006?

☐ yes ☑ no

If no, please answer the following questions:

- What is the total amount of resources the TWG had estimated to implement its Action Plan for 2006? (in USD): TWG has no separate budget
- What is the minimum additional amount that the TWG needs to implement its Action Plan? (in USD): N/A
- Which development partners do you think would be able to provide the required resources? N/A

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