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The AIHRC regards the amendments in the Shiite Personal Status Law as a step forward and welcomes the efforts made to make it compatible with the human rights standards and commitments of Afghan government.

Once informed about the content of this law, the AIHRC started an all-round study and investigation into this law with the coordination and cooperation of other civil and academic institutions, and seriously tried to convince the relevant organs to be more responsible and bring the necessary amendments to this law, so that our people would have a comprehensive and improved law based on the foundations of Islam and compatible with human rights values.

Fortunately, as a result of the efforts made by the Commission and other civil and academic organizations regarding bringing the necessary amendments to this law to make it more compatible with human rights standards and commitments of Afghan government this law became effective after the amendments.

The AIHRC considers the approval of the Shiite Personal Status Law in line with the fulfillment of Article 131 of Afghanistan Constitution and enjoyment by the civilians of their rights and it welcomes the efforts made for the verification and amendment of this law to make it more appropriate and compatible with the international standards of human rights and Afghanistan's commitments.

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