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Deputy Secretary Wolin Concludes Visit to Afghanistan

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WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of the Treasury today announced that Deputy Treasury Secretary Neal S. Wolin visited Kabul, Afghanistan February 16-17.

While in Kabul, Deputy Secretary Wolin met with President Karzai, Finance Minister Zakhilwal and Central Bank Governor Fitrat. The Deputy Secretary met with Afghanistan's leadership to discuss the importance of Afghan efforts to reform and strengthen its financial sector and stressed the need for the Afghan government to take swift and decisive action to ensure a credible, effective resolution of issues related to Kabul Bank. He also discussed the status of negotiations between the IMF and Afghanistan on a possible IMF program and expressed U.S. support for the IMF's position.

Deputy Secretary Wolin's stop in Kabul follows his visit earlier this week to Baghdad, Iraq. He last visited Afghanistan in February 2010.

