The Uncertain Future of the Electoral Reforms

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While the electoral reforms commission is working on proposed reforms to Afghanistan’s electoral system, there are some concerns that its efforts which are intended to ensure free and fair elections, and to eliminate fraud and corruption, may not meet the expectations of the stakeholders. The main concern is that the government has not yet taken concrete steps to ensure that the reforms are implemented effectively and efficiently. The government has been accused of taking a lackadaisical approach towards the reforms process, which has raised questions about its commitment to ensuring free and fair elections. As a result, many stakeholders are pessimistic about the outcome of the reforms process and are skeptical regarding the role and authority of the reforms commission. Many now consider the reforms commission to be a mere consultative body authorized to only propose reforms to the government. The fact that the reforms commission would not have the power to make decisions means that it would not be able to capture substantial changes to the electoral system. The outcome of the reforms process would be influenced by the balance of power among the political parties and the role of the government. It is clear that the government has not allocated enough resources to ensure that the reforms are implemented effectively and efficiently. The government has to ensure that the reforms are implemented effectively and efficiently to ensure free and fair elections. The government has to ensure that the reforms are implemented effectively and efficiently to ensure free and fair elections. The government has to ensure that the reforms are implemented effectively and efficiently to ensure free and fair elections. The government has to ensure that the reforms are implemented effectively and efficiently to ensure free and fair elections. The government has to ensure that the reforms are implemented effectively and efficiently to ensure free and fair elections.