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## RECONSTRUCTION IN AFGHANISTAN CSIS Report Measures Progress, Recommends Action

WASHINGTON, July 15, 2005—**Frederick Barton**, director of the CSIS Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project, and **Morgan Courtney**, research assistant to the project, will present the findings and recommendations of their report on Afghanistan's reconstruction progress at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, July 18, at CSIS, 1800 K Street, N.W., B-1 conference level.

As reconstruction efforts have continued for over three years with costs totaling in the billions, it is crucial to determine whether efforts are actually meeting the needs of the Afghan people and accomplishing the goal of building long-term local capacity. The report, *In the Balance: Measuring Progress in Afghanistan*, analyzes the progress and pace of Afghan reconstruction and offers comprehensive recommendations, using an integrated model developed by the CSIS Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project to measure the real impact on the lives of Afghans.

*In the Balance* provides analysis and recommendations to the problems previewed in the earlier Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project report, *Voices of a New Afghanistan*, which recorded the results of more than 1,000 interviews with 1,600 Afghans.

“We are at a pivotal moment in the reconstruction effort,” said Barton. “*In the Balance* is an attempt to take a step back, examine the big picture, and make critical decisions to ensure that Afghanistan continues to move forward.”

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**Report Release:**  
“**In the Balance: Measuring  
Progress in Afghanistan**”

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