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Secretaries to all Ministries, Secretaries to all State Ministries, Heads of Special Spending Units, Heads of Departments, District Secretaries and Chief Secretaries of Provinces,

Holding of Audit and Management Committee Meetings - Year 2021

I would like to draw your kind attention to the section 5.3 of the Management Audit Circular No. DMA/01-2019 dated 12.01.2019. Accordingly, the Audit and Management Committee meetings should be held at least once in a quarter that is, four times a year.

- 02. It has been reported to me that under the good health conditions prevailed during the first quarter of the year 2021, many institutions have successfully conducted their Audit and Management Committee meetings and taken action to strengthen the internal control process.
- 03. Yet, in the 02nd quarter of the year 2021, the government periodically imposed provincial travel restrictions due to the rapid increase in the spread of the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic. Due to the current spread of Covid Delta variant, health guidelines have been issued from time to time informing to stop holding of all workshops, meetings, and public gatherings. The quarantine curfew has also been imposed to be effective from 20th August 2021 to 13th September 2021.
- 04. Considering of all these circumstances, I kindly request you to suspend the holding of Audit and Management Committee meetings (including those that are held using Zoom technology) of the institutions until 30th of September 2021. (The Chief Internal Auditors/ Internal Auditors of all the institutions have been informed about this on 14th August 2021 through the internet.)
- 05. Accordingly, all the institutions are exempted from the requirement of holding four Audit and Management Committee meetings during the year 2021, i.e., once in every quarter. Also, I respectfully hope that the Audit and Management Committee will be conducted in the 4th quarter of the year by adhering to health guidelines issued under the future Covid pandemic situation and take decisions and come to conclusions as well as reach to recommendations that will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the organization.

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