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Subject: No-cost extension request – Amendment: MDGF-1956 – *“Strengthening Justice and Security Sector Reform in Guinea Bissau”*
Conflict Prevention and Peace Building - Thematic Window

I. Approval Status

Further to the approved memo dated 01 March 2012 granting an initial no-cost extension until 31 December 2012 for the Joint Programme *“Strengthening Justice and Security Sector Reform in Guinea Bissau”*, we are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has amended the no-cost extension request to grant an additional four (4) months and fourteen (14) days to enable the adequate closure of the joint programme and wrap up the final evaluation process. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 14 May 2013. Please note that this is a one-time only amendment intended to allow the Joint Programme to complete its activities and achieve its expected results. At this end date, the programme should be operationally closed, so that no new financial commitments are made, only outstanding payments. Any unspent funds within the agreed timeframe (14 May 2013) will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

In light of the unstable political situation that has prevailed in the country over the past few months, we would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Joint Programme team in resuming activities and working towards the last stages of implementation of the Programme.

Given the complex environment in which activities are conducted, and the limited time remaining until the closure of the Joint Programme, we would recommend UN Agencies and their counterparts to focus on a reduced set of activities, so as to consolidate key results. We strongly recommend that National Partners and participating UN Agencies thoroughly discuss plans to ensure the sustainability of key results and a smooth exit strategy.

III. Monitoring and Reporting

Quarterly color-coded annual work plans, and biannual monitoring reports should continue to be prepared and submitted to the MDG-F Secretariat. Please be reminded that each Joint Programme is responsible for conducting its final evaluation prior to the closure of the programme and sharing the

final evaluation report as well as final narrative report with the MDG-F Secretariat no later than one month after 14 May 2013.

We would highly appreciate it if you could forward this memo to all participating UN agencies to the joint programme, and each participating UN agency should forward the memo to their corresponding HQs. Further information on the closure of programmes is available on the revised “MDG-F Joint Implementation Guidelines” uploaded on the MDG-F website (www.mdgfund.org).

With best wishes.

cc.:

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