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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-2010 – *“Strengthening conflict prevention capacities and the rule of law in Mauritania”* - Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding - Thematic Window

I. Approval Status

We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has amended the no-cost extension for the Joint Programme *“Strengthening conflict prevention capacities and the rule of law in Mauritania”* and has extended it by four (4) months and seventeen (17) days. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 30 June 2013.

Please note that this is an exceptional amendment intended to allow the Joint Programme to complete key activities and achieve its expected results, and to comply with its commitment to conduct a Final Evaluation. At this end date (30 June 2013), the programme should be operationally closed, so that no new financial commitments are made, only outstanding payments. Any unspent funds within the agreed timeframe will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F. In accordance with the policy approved by the MDG-F Steering Committee, no extensions can be granted by the MDG-F Secretariat beyond 30 June 2013.

II. Recommendations

This amendment to the no-cost extension is aimed at providing the Joint Programme with sufficient time to reinforce results achieved and to adequately plan for closure. It is contingent on the commitment of the Joint Programme to focus on the strengthening of a limited number of strategic activities. In particular, and in line with the request for amendment, we would strongly recommend focusing on the following activities: *Produit 1 - Stratégie Nationale de Cohésion Sociale; et Activités Génératrices de Revenus (AGR); Produit 2 - Appui aux Comités Villageois*. Given the limited timeframe, we would advise not to start any new activity. Activities which implementation has been delayed or have yet to start should be undertaken at this point. We strongly recommend to closely monitor the Final Evaluation process so it is conducted in an inclusive, transparent and timely manner.

III. Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluating

We thank you for your submission of the Monitoring Report for the second semester of 2012. Some activities show significant quantitative results. However, we noticed that some achievements have not been updated in the “Monitoring Framework” section. Only the achievements (*“Réalisation de*

l'objectif a ce jour”) of a small number of activities to have been updated: product 1.3; 2.3; and 4. It would be very useful if the Programme Team could make sure that the achievements of all activities are properly monitored and data collected until the end of the Programme. This will prove critical in order to provide accurate inputs for the Final Evaluation as well as for the drafting of the Final Narrative Report.

We would also encourage the team to provide some qualitative results about the work that has been undertaken by the Joint Programme. It would be extremely interesting to document how several activities have translated into real changes in the lives of the communities and beneficiaries.

Please be reminded that each Joint Programme is responsible for conducting its final evaluation prior to the closure of the Programme, and for sharing both the Final Evaluation Report and the Final Narrative Report with the MDG-F Secretariat no later than one month after closure.

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.

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