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## MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Notification of No-Cost extension  
Cambodia's UN-REDD National Programme

### I. Approval status

Through this memo I would like to inform you that based on the following reasons, the Programme Executive Board for Cambodia's UN-REDD National Programme held on 13 December 2012 has granted a no-cost extension for the Programme to 31 December 2014.

- The total disbursement from the beginning of the programme until December 2012 was about only 20% of the total budget funds and therefore the remaining 80% of the budget is highly unlikely to be spent by May 2013.
- Experiences from other countries indicate that a realistic duration of extension is needed to have effective involvement of all stakeholders in the programme and to share vision for results over a longer term.

Please note the Programme will continue under the quality assurance process of each participating UN organization.

### II. Other Recommendations

To ensure compliance with the new completion date, the Programme Executive Board recommended attention is given to the following:

- Preparation of Standard Operating Procedures to streamline programme administration.
- Review of results framework to identify activities that can be deferred to other initiatives.
- Rapid operationalization of technical teams



- Management costs will be met partially through budget reallocation under the 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point above, and partly by sharing costs with the FCPF

### III. Monitoring and Reporting

As per the Programme's monitoring and evaluation framework, annual work-plans and biannual reports would continue to be prepared and submitted to the UN-REDD Programme Secretariat and the final evaluation will be conducted prior to the closure of the Programme.

