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Dear Ms. Løj,

I am pleased to inform you that the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) has approved the request submitted on 23 September to extend the South Sudan Peacebuilding Priority Plan, with exception of the full extension of the Secretariat. Specifically, the extension entails:

- 1) A four (4) month no cost extension of the UNICEF accelerated learning programme until 31 December 2015
- 2) A eight (8) month no cost extension of the UNIDO/ILO employment programme until 31 December 2015
- 3) A thirteen (13) months no cost extension of the UNOPS water access programme until 31 of August 2016
- 4) A seven (7) months extension of the Secretariat for the continuation of current running cost until 31 December 2015

Looking forward, PBSO is ready to explore how it can further assist in the implementation of the Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan. Any such assistance would have to be based on a reassessment of peacebuilding opportunities, taking into account other analysis and plans that are being undertaken, and feeding into the development of a new strategic approach for the PBF. If the Secretariat can play a role in developing this strategy in 2016, we are open to discuss this further.

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cc: Mr. Eugene Owusu, DSRSG, UNMISS Ms. Jennifer Topping, Executive Director, MPTFO

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I would be grateful if you could forward this letter on to the Joint Steering Committee. We look forward to continuing working with you and the Joint Steering Committee on implementing these important programmes.

Yours sincerely,

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