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Dear Mr. Martin,

Thank you for your submission of the “Action concertée des jeunes (femmes et hommes) leaders communautaires pour le renforcement de la cohésion sociale et la consolidation de la paix en Guinée Forestière” project proposal to the Gender and Youth Promotion Initiative 2020 of the Secretary-General’s Peacebuilding Fund (PBF). I am pleased to inform you that the Peacebuilding Support Office, following the review by the Peacebuilding Contact Group and the recommendation of the Project Appraisal Committee, has approved the project under the PBF’s Immediate Response Facility with a total budget of \$1,427,915 over 18 months.

As per the PBF Guidelines, PBF project funds will be disbursed by the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office in two instalments to IOM, UNFPA and OHCHR. The first tranche amounts to 70% of the project budget, while the second tranche amounts to 30% of the project budget. The second tranche will be transferred following a demonstrated project financial implementation rate of at least 75% of the first tranche and the submission of any PBF reports required during that period. The payment of the second tranche is also contingent on availability of funds in the PBF. We also expect agencies implementing PBF projects to undertake all steps to financially close any old PBF projects in a timely manner.

We count on your team to ensure that the project will commence in a timely manner and ensure it adopts a “do no harm” approach to all its components. We see this project as an important contribution to promoting the meaningful participation of young community leaders in decision-making in the Forestière region of Guinea.

As you are aware, monitoring and reporting on peacebuilding impact is a core responsibility of the Fund’s mandate. This includes: a) ensuring timely submission of the PBF project progress report due annually on 15 June and 15 November and three months after the operational closure; b) ensuring robust monitoring of project progress, risks and results, including ensuring all baselines are collected within three months and advising PBSO if project amendments are

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required or if obstacles arise that may impact project outcomes; and, c) managing a high-quality independent evaluation from the project budget while engaging PBSO in all steps of the evaluation process.

Please note that all entities receiving an allocation from the PBF are obligated to ensure visibility of the Fund. This should include both the identification of success stories within routine reporting as well as through the recipient United Nations organization's strategic communications products.

I look forward to working with you and your team on this important sustaining peace endeavour in Guinea. I trust you will keep us apprised of the political situation in the country and any issues which may have an impact on this project.

Yours sincerely,



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