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Dear Mr. Hollingworth,

Thank you for the submission of the cost-extension request for the project “*Youth Action for Reduced Violence and Enhanced Social Cohesion in Wau, South Sudan*” to the Secretary-General’s Peacebuilding Fund (PBF). I am pleased to inform you that the Peacebuilding Support Office, following the review by the Peacebuilding Review Group and the recommendation of the Project Appraisal Committee, has approved the extension under the PBF’s Immediate Response Facility (IRF) with a total additional budget of \$ 1,287,745 to be implemented by IOM and UNESCO over an additional 12 months.

The main objective of the project is to support at-risk youth to be constructively engaged with their community. The cost-extension will enable the institutionalization of the successful approach piloted during the first phase of the project and support future engagement of youth gangs in the newly formed Ministry of Peacebuilding at State and national level. It will also continue to support gender-transformative approaches and scale up the reintegration of juveniles in detention.

As per the PBF Guidelines, PBF project funds will be disbursed by the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office in two additional instalments. The first additional tranche represents 70% of the additional project budget and the second 30%. The second tranche will be transferred following a demonstrated project financial implementation rate of at least 75% of the previous 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. Prior to the disbursement of funds, we also expect agencies implementing PBF projects to ensure the timely financial closure of all PBF projects that have ended.

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 a PBF end-of-project report; b) ensuring robust monitoring of

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project progress, risks and results and advising PBSO if project amendments are required or if obstacles arise that may impact project outcomes; and c) managing a high-quality independent evaluation, engaging PBSO in the evaluation process.

Please note that all entities receiving an allocation from the PBF are obligated to ensure the 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 our partnership to support peacebuilding in Sudan. I trust you will keep us apprised of the situation in the country and any issues which may have an impact on PBF projects.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Oscar Fernández-Taranco', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Oscar Fernández-Taranco
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cc: H.E. Mr. Akuei Bona Malwal
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