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Dear Mr. Hollingworth,

Thank you for the submission of the project proposal “*Building peace through promoting inclusive and participatory transitional justice processes and mechanisms in South Sudan*” to the Secretary-General’s Peacebuilding Fund (PBF). I am pleased to inform you that the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), following the review of the Peacebuilding Project Review Group and the recommendation of the Project Appraisal Committee, has approved the project under the PBF’s Peacebuilding and Recovery Facility with a total budget of \$3,997,825.76 to be implemented by UNDP, OHCHR and UNHCR over 24 months.

The project will support the design and operationalization of the Commission for Truth, Reconciliation and Healing (CTRH) as one part of a comprehensive set of transitional justice mechanisms envisaged under Chapter V of the Revitalized Peace Agreement.

As per the PBF guidelines, project funds will be disbursed by the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office in several instalments. The first tranche will amount to 70% of the total budget and the second tranche will amount to 30%. The second tranche will be transferred following a demonstrated project 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 upon availability of funds in the PBF. Prior to the disbursement of funds, we also expect the entities implementing PBF projects to ensure the timely financial closure of all PBF projects that have ended.

We count on the team to ensure the timely implementation and conclusion of the project and encourage them to apply any lessons learnt from previous implementation experiences and best practices from existing PBF projects. We count on your leadership to ensure that the recipient entities implement the project cohesively, ensuring synergies with any existing interventions and adapting the project activities to new contextual dynamics. We hope that the project will be catalytic in terms of enabling additional peacebuilding initiatives as well as

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encourage other donor contributions as appropriate.

As you are aware, monitoring and reporting on peacebuilding impact is a core responsibility of the Fund's mandate. This includes: a) ensuring a timely submission of the PBF project progress reports due annually on 15 June and 15 November and PBF end-of-project report; b) ensuring robust monitoring of 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. An audit is also required at the end of each project.

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 organizations' strategic communications products.

I look forward to continuing to work with you. I trust you will keep us apprised of the situation on the ground and any issues which may have an impact on this project.

Yours sincerely,



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cc: H.E. Mr. Akuei Bona Malwal, Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Sudan to the United Nations