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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1684 – “*Mainstreaming environmental governance: linking local and national action in Bosnia and Herzegovina*” – Environment and Climate Change - Thematic Window

I. Approval Status

We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme “*Mainstreaming environmental governance: linking local and national action in Bosnia and Herzegovina*” a no cost extension of five (5) months and twenty two (22) days thus the new end date of the programme is 31 May 2013. Please note that this is a one-time only extension intended to allow the Joint Programme to complete its activities and achieve its expected results. At this end date, the programme should be operationally closed, so that no new financial commitments are made, only outstanding payments. Any unspent funds within the agreed timeframe (31 May 2013) will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

We welcome the joint programme’s initiative to build on the experiences of the innovation grants as well as the capacity to leverage funding at the local level. We hope this no cost extension will also allow the joint programme team to consolidate results, and continue the implementation of relevant recommendations provided by the PMC and the mid-term evaluation including work on further clarifying the mandate of the MMBs, assessment of capacity development efforts, and completion of land use activities.

III. Monitoring and Reporting

Quarterly color-coded annual work plans, and biannual monitoring reports should continue to be prepared and submitted to the MDG-F Secretariat. Please be reminded that each Joint Programme is responsible for conducting its final evaluation prior to the closure of the programme and sharing the final report with the MDG-F Secretariat.

We would highly appreciate it if you could forward this memo to all participating UN agencies to the joint programme, and each participating UN agency should forward the memo to their corresponding HQs. Further information on the closure of programmes is available on the revised “MDG-F Joint Implementation Guidelines” uploaded on the MDG-F website (www.mdgfund.org).

With best wishes.

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