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Subject: No-cost extension request
MDGF-1972 – “*Promoting Peace Building in Southern Serbia*” – Conflict Prevention and
Peace Building - 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 “*Promoting Peace Building in Southern Serbia*” a no cost extension of five (5) months and two (2) days. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 31 March 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 March 2013) will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Recommendations

We appreciate the comprehensive documentation submitted by the programme. We hope this no cost extension will also provide the joint programme team with additional time to follow up on the developed improvement plan; consolidating its capacity building efforts; ensuring that the inputs of participating UN Agencies contribute to the outcomes and outputs of the JP; and continuing coordination efforts among partners and other initiatives in the area of intervention.

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.

cc.:

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