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Note to the File – PBF Project in CAR #00140264- PBF/CAF/B7
Reducing tensions and strengthening social cohesion between returnees and host communities through access to identity documents, livelihoods, and the transitional justice process

Purpose: The purpose of this Note to File is to formally record and justify an exceptional four-month no-cost extension of the project, to allow disbursement of the final tranche and completion of pending activities without re-signing a new NCE/PRODOC.

Background:

- The project was initially approved for **24 months**, from **28 July 2023** to **28 July 2025**.
- In line with PBSO guidelines, the **PBF Steering Committee** approved the first **six-month no-cost extension**, revising the end date to **20 January 2026**, to address delays in the implementation of Outcome 3 on transitional justice.
- These delays were mainly linked to difficulties in operationalizing the planned partnership with the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**, including administrative constraints, non-harmonized procedures, financial arrangements, and differing views on data-protection principles between IOM and the ICC
- The extension was intended to enable the implementing agencies to:
 - finalize a partnership with the **Special Criminal Court (SCC)**, identified as an alternative national counterpart to the ICC; and
 - use the final tranche of funding to carry out remaining activities, including information campaigns on transitional justice and its mechanisms in the Central African Republic; strengthening the *Justice Ambassadors* programme; supporting institutional complementarity between the SCC and the **Truth, Justice, Reparation and Reconciliation Commission (CVJRR)**; preparing and publicly disseminating summaries of CAR-related trials before the SCC; and producing and distributing audio and video awareness-raising materials on transitional justice.
- Due to continued **PBF liquidity constraints**, the final tranche has still not been disbursed. As the project is close to completion, it is unlikely that the activities financed by this tranche can be implemented before the current end date of 20 January 2026, so an extension is required.
- At the same time, the **Government has indicated that it will not re-sign another NCE/PRODOC**, as one no-cost extension has already been agreed for this project.
- In this context, this Note to File is used to **exceptionally authorize a further four-month no-cost extension**, so that the remaining funds can be disbursed once available and the pending activities completed, **without requesting a new NCE signature from the Government**.

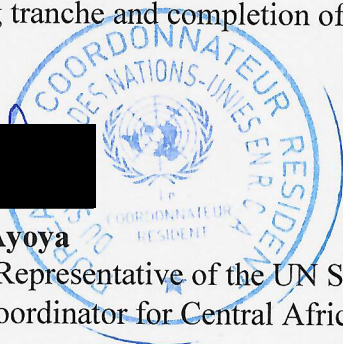
Recommendation: Approve an exceptional **four-month no-cost extension** of project CAF/B-7/00140264, revising the end date from **20 January 2026** to **20 May 2026**, to enable disbursement of the remaining tranche and completion of pending activities.

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