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Approval of the second progress report

Dear Mr. Trebucq,

Reference is made to the submission of the second progress report for the programme entitled "*Building effective resilience for human security in the Caribbean Countries: The imperative of gender equality and women empowerment in strengthened agriculture sector*" (UNW-SA-19-003) funded by the United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security (UNTFHS).

It is my pleasure to inform you that the second progress report has been reviewed and approved in accordance with the rules governing the UNTFHS.

We recognize the continued challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic as well as those due to the limited engagement from local governments, and coordination of partners across the local, national and regional levels which have affected the delivery of the programme. Per the financial statements submitted, we note that some of the UN implementing partners have indicated a very low utilization rate. As agreed with the lead agency, the next instalment can only be initiated when the 70% utilization is reached by all partners.

We look to you and the Heads of Agencies for your support in reviewing the mechanisms to further strengthen the potential of the programme and accelerating its delivery.

Yours sincerely,



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