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Dear Sir,

22 August 2016

Subject: NARRATIVE REPORT AS OF JUNE 2016

Enclosed, please find the Narrative Report for project **Diagnostic Trade Integration Study**, as of **30 June 2016**.

The report outlines the efforts carried out by the DTIS team of consultants in the preparation of the draft report.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Gabriel Labão Dava', is positioned above the printed name.

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Guinea Bissau DTIS Update

Activities report (January-June 2016)

Project title:	Diagnostic Trade Integrated Study Update in Guinea Bissau
Main Implementing Entity (MIE):	United Nation Development Programme
Government implementing partner:	Ministry of Commerce and Handicrafts

The present report outlines the activities undertaken under the project over the period January through June 2016.

Activities	Progress
Preliminary report drafting and validation	<p>By mid-December 2015 draft chapters (with the exception of two) were shared by UNDP with the Government through the Ministry in charge of trade to invite comments and feedback from stakeholders. Due to the unstable political situation in the country, the planned organization of consultations meetings across sectors were impossible to organize.</p> <p>Some of the chapters which were in French, were translated into Portuguese to facilitate review by national stakeholders.</p> <p>A set of written inputs were received by UNDP and the Team leader on 6 April 2016 for review and incorporation on a revised draft.</p> <p>In addition to substantive revisions the draft was translated into French, the language in which it will be submitted to the EIF Board for review and comments.</p> <p>The full report inclusive of all chapters, action matrix and executive summary was shared by UNDP with the Ministry in charge of trade on 12 July for additional consultations at country level.</p> <p>Throughout the project, there has been a good collaboration with the Ministry through the NIU which has been fully engaged in the process and shown leadership. Unfortunately, the uncertain political context have caused delays and prevented more active engagement with stakeholders –such as the planned sectoral consultations on draft chapters of the report.</p>
Current situation	A new calendar for the project completion was adopted taking into account on-going and planned activities by the Ministry in charge of trade, most



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	<p>notably, the planned validation of the Strategy for trade development formulated with assistance from the EIF. Taking also into account the EIF Secretariat's availability possible only in October 2016, the launch of the report will be done on 19-20 October.</p> <p>Before that, a formal validation process of the preliminary report by the EIF Steering committee will be held on 11 August in Bissau with the participation of the DTIS team leader. Following the Steering Committee Meeting, revisions as necessary will be incorporated before submitting the report to the EIF Board.</p>
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