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Dear Mr. Lemarquis,

Thank you for your submission of the project proposal “*Projet Secrétariat : Appui à la Coordination et au Suivi des Projets du Fonds pour la Consolidation de la Paix (PBF) en Haïti*” to the Secretary-General’s Peacebuilding Fund (PBF). I am pleased to inform you that the Peacebuilding Support Office, following the review by the Peacebuilding Project Review Group and the recommendation of the Project Appraisal Committee, has approved the project under the Peacebuilding and Recovery Facility with a total budget of \$ 770,400 implemented by UNDP for 24 months.

Following the Secretary-General’s approval of PBF eligibility in July 2019 upon the Government’s request, and in the context of the reconfiguration of UN support to Haiti following the closure of the United Nations Mission for Justice Support in Haiti, PBF support to address critical peacebuilding needs is very timely. Given the expected range of projects in the coming years, the PBF Secretariat project will bring additional quality assurance capacity to the UN Country Team and the Haitian counterparts. We expect the project to help ensure national ownership through its support of the joint steering committee, and to work closely with the Country Team to ensure PBF resources are used to catalytic effect, underpinned by monitoring, results reporting, and communications.

The Project Appraisal Committee noted the proportionate staffing and duration for the size of the portfolio, and the use of the UNSDCF Steering Committee as the overall oversight mechanism to ensure integration of peacebuilding efforts with the wider UN portfolio. Please note, however, that the budget will require some fine-tuning once the project starts. The amount currently foreseen for an evaluation should be used for additional analytical, monitoring and design support, as required, to accompany the existing projects and develop any potential new ones including through PBSO support and monitoring missions.

Mr. Bruno Lemarquis
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As per the PBF Guidelines, PBF project funds will be disbursed by the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office in two instalments. The first tranche representing 70% of the project budget and the second 30%. The second tranche will be transferred following a demonstrated project financial implementation rate of at least 75% of the first tranche and the submission of any PBF reports required during that period. The payment of the second tranche is also contingent on availability of funds in the PBF. Prior to the disbursement of funds, we also expect agencies implementing PBF projects to ensure the timely financial closure of all PBF projects that have ended.

We count on the team to jointly ensure the timely implementation and conclusion of the project and encourage them to apply any lessons learnt from previous implementation experiences and best practices from existing PBF supported projects.

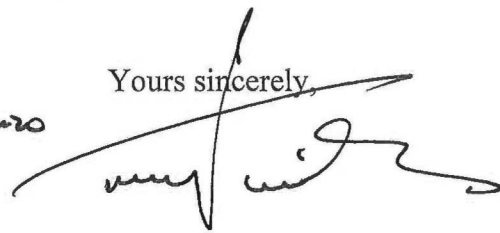
As you are aware, monitoring and reporting on peacebuilding impact is a core responsibility of the Fund's mandate. This includes: a) ensuring timely submission of the PBF project progress report due annually on 15 June and 15 November and a PBF end-of-project report; b) ensuring robust monitoring of project progress, risks and results and advising PBSO if project amendments are required or if obstacles arise that may impact project outcomes; and c) managing a high-quality independent evaluation, engaging PBSO in the evaluation process.

Please note that all entities receiving an allocation from the PBF are obligated to ensure the visibility of the Fund. This should include both the identification of success stories within routine reporting as well as through the recipient United Nations organization's strategic communications products.

I look forward to continuing working with you and your team in Haiti. I trust you will keep us apprised of the situation in the country and any issues which may have an impact on this project.

Con un fuerte abrazo

Yours sincerely,



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