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Your Excellency,

Support to the UNDP Country Programme on Peace, Development and Public Procurement in Nigeria - Request for the Disbursement of the January 2015 Instalment

In line with the provisions of Article II, paragraph 2 of the Cost Sharing Agreement on the above-named Project, the Government of Norway has committed to disbursing NOK 4,000,000 by January 2015 to support the execution of the next implementation phase of the project. This is out of a total of NOK 8,000,000.

The progress report for the initial disbursements including those in 2014 was submitted to Your Excellency. The highlights of the achievements includes:

1. Conflict prevention and anti-corruption in the Niger Delta.
2. Training and deployment of 30 human rights monitors to the North East,
3. Capacity building for 150 NHRC's staff on monitoring,
4. Investigation and reporting (MIR),
5. ICT-based early warning and early response system,
6. Empowerment of 200 victims of violent conflict in Benue and Plateau States,
7. Restoration and stabilization of livelihoods for 8,900 internally displaced persons in Borno and Yobe States,
8. Convocation of stakeholders' dialogue on peace and development in the North East and strengthening the public finance management in Akwa Ibom, Delta and Cross River States.

In order to scale up implementation and ensure the achievement of the objectives of the Project's activities for 2015, we would be grateful for your approval of the next Instalment of the Project Fund to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). We would equally appreciate the release of the additional NOK 2,000,000 as agreed at the 23rd February meeting in your office to support the peace campaigns for the 2015 general elections.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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