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18 May 2018

Dear Mr. Paust,

Subject: UNV Support to UN Peacebuilding Fund's Gender Promotion Initiatives

The United Nations Volunteer (UNV) programme would like to thank the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) for its commitment to support the UNV project "UNV Support to UN Peacebuilding Fund's (PBF) Gender Promotion Initiatives", through the Cost-Sharing Agreement signed between BMZ and UNV on 18 December 2014 and the respective amendment signed on 20 December 2017.

With Germany's contribution, 10 UN Volunteers served in key positions of 5 gender-responsive peacebuilding projects in Cote d'Ivoire (2 projects), Liberia, Mali and Guatemala in 2017. Their support has helped to strengthen the position of women and girls in conflict-sensitive environments. To increase UN system capacities in gender and peacebuilding, a significant investment was also made in training and development, most notably the UN Volunteers' Learning and Strategy Workshop in November 2017.

To proceed with the commitments to the partners and UN Volunteers in the field, we would be most grateful if BMZ could kindly release the instalment of the funds for 2018 based on the December 2017 agreement which will enable a further 10 UN Volunteers to be deployed to Sierra Leone, Liberia, Papua New-Guinea, Sri Lanka and Guatemala.

Simultaneously, UNV has revised the internal project document to accommodate the resources implications of the amendment to the Cost-Sharing Agreement and schedule the activities in the workplan until December 2019.

In relation to the implementation and management arrangements, we would like to suggest BMZ to participate in the Project Board, in the capacity of 'Senior Supplier'. The role of "Senior Supplier" is to represent the interests of the party which provides resources.

We remain at your disposal for questions and further discussion and, avail of this opportunity to thank the BMZ for its continued support to UNV and recognition of the contributions of volunteerism to peace and development.

*Thank you!*  
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Yours sincerely,



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