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Dear Mr. Charpentier,

On behalf of the Action 2 Inter-Agency Task Force, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Swedish international development agency (Sida) has transferred USD $1,000,000 to Action 2 for the Great Lakes Regional Programme in Africa. Within this framework, the component for Burundi has been approved in the amount of $150,000 on the basis of the attached project with a budget, submitted on 28 September 2006. This one-year project should be seen in the context of a possible three-year programme. However, financing after the first year remains to be determined with Sida based on reporting and assessment of the first phase and overall requirements in the Great Lakes region.

Accordingly, I have requested UNDP as the Administrative Agent of the Programme to take the necessary action to transfer the funds, using the "pass-through" modality in line with the UNDG Guidance Note on Joint Programming.

In this connection, please note:

1. Reporting   The Resident Coordinator has the overall responsibility for ensuring and reporting on the achievement of expected results under the project. The submission of a report covering the period up to 31 December 2006 is expected by 1 February 2007. A full report will be requested upon completion of the project. Templates for these reports will be provided in due course.

2. The Regional Aspect   The project is part of a regional programme for the Great Lakes Region in Africa, with initial focus on the three countries Burundi, DRC and Rwanda. It is important that this aspect is kept in mind in the implementation of the project. Funds are allocated in the budget to facilitate the interaction with regional partners, particularly with the UNCTs in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda, both for a mutual exchange of information and experience and for an exploration of possible regional activities. The initiative for such exchange is largely in the hands of the UNCTs. The regional cooperation will be encouraged by a Regional Human Rights Adviser, posted under the programme at the OHCHR Sub Regional Centre in Yaoundé, Cameroun.

Mr. Georg Charpentier
Resident Coordinator, a.i.
Burundi

3. <u>The Three Year Perspective</u> The Action 2 Programme for the Great Lakes Region in Africa is designed with a three year perspective. With this in mind, the Action 2 Inter-Agency Task Force and the Donor are considering a mid project meeting, probably in March 2007, to study the initial activities and to explore together with the involved UNCTs the possibility of extending the programme to strengthen its regional prospects.

4. <u>Knowledge sharing</u> One of the purposes of the programme is to learn from the actual experiences of UN country teams in implementing Action 2 at country level. It is therefore expected that participating UN country teams will contribute to knowledge/experience-sharing activities also among a wider range of country teams and with the Inter-Agency Task Force, as may be organized by the Coordinator of the Action 2 Global Programme.

5. <u>Accessing funds</u> To access the funds, your office should communicate the Atlas number of the project to Mr. Kassa Thomas, BDP, UNDP, at kassa.thomas@undp.org.

The Action 2 Coordinator and the Task Force remain at your disposal for further information, advice and support. Communications may be directed to:

- Mr. Enzo di Taranto, the Action 2 Coordinator at ditaranto@un.org, copied to Ms. Katarina Kuai at kuai@un.org

- Mr. Rio Hada (on matters specifically related to Human Rights Advisers) at rhada@ohchr.org

- Mr. Thord Palmlund, a member of the Task Force with special responsibility for the Regional Great Lakes programme at thord.palmlund@undp.org

You may also communicate with me directly as Chairperson of the Task Force at mokhiber@un.org.

Yours Sincerely,

Craig Mokhiber
Chairperson,
Action 2 Inter-Agency Task Force