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Dear Ms. Lekoetje,

Thank you for your 21 April 2017 submission of the *“Support the capacity of the Government and national stakeholders to establish credible transitional justice processes and mechanism that promote reconciliation and sustainable peace in The Gambia”* project proposal to the Secretary General’s Peacebuilding Fund (PBF). I am pleased to inform you that the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), following the review of the Peacebuilding Contact Group and the recommendation of the Project Appraisal Committee, has approved the project under the PBF’s Immediate Response Facility (IRF) with a budget of \$1,200,000.

The funds will be disbursed in two instalments to UNDP. UNDP will receive the first tranche amounting to 60% of its budget while the second of 40% will be released on condition that it submits a substantive progress report, with draft Transitional Justice strategy document with inputs of all national stakeholders and an implementation rate of at least 80% of the first tranche allocation. PBSO also expects to receive the final results framework during the induction phase of the project. PBSO will request MPTF Office to proceed with the disbursement of the first tranche. Please note that all subsequent tranches are also contingent on availability of donor funding in the PBF.

The 18-month project contributes to the Government’s efforts to articulate a comprehensive strategy to guide the process of truth seeking, accountability for past human rights violations and promoting reconciliation in The Gambia. At the same time, the project is aligned with the President’s strategy as indicated in his commitment to respecting, protecting, and upholding people’s fundamental rights, while also preserving the national unity and foster reconciliation of all Gambians.

As you are aware, monitoring and reporting on peacebuilding impact is a core responsibility of the Fund’s mandate. For projects approved under the IRF, I

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rely on you and your office to undertake the following responsibilities on my behalf: a) Ensure timely submission of the semi-annual project report from each recipient UN organisation to the MPTF Office copied to PBSO; b) Monitor project progress and results, in line with the project results framework, and advise PBSO in a timely fashion if and when project amendments are required; and c) Ensure timely submission of the end-of project report within three months of the activity completion. Please note that the templates for all the reporting obligations can be found on the PBF website: <http://www.unpbf.org/application-guidelines/annex/>.

In addition to the above requirements, all entities receiving an allocation from the Peacebuilding Fund 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 UN organisation's strategic communications products.

I look forward to working with you on this important peacebuilding and sustaining peace endeavour in The Gambia.

Yours sincerely,



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