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Subject: No-cost extension request: MDGF-1956 – “*Strengthening Justice and Security Sector Reform in Guinea Bissau*”
Conflict Prevention and Peace Building - Thematic Window

I. Approval Status

We are pleased to inform you that, as per your request, the MDG-F Secretariat has granted the Joint Programme “*Strengthening Justice and Security Sector Reform in Guinea Bissau*” a no cost extension of just over 6 months. Thus, the new end date of the Joint Programme is 31 December 2012. Please note that this is a one-time only extension intended to allow the Joint Programme to complete its activities and achieve its expected results. At this end date, the programme should be operationally closed, so that no new financial commitments are made, only outstanding payments. Any unspent funds within the agreed timeframe 31 December 2012 will have to be reimbursed to the MDG-F.

II. Observations and Recommendations

We recognize the challenging context in which this Joint Programme operates and the volatile political climate. The Joint Programme has been able to substantially contribute to the ongoing security and justice reform process in Guinea Bissau. We encourage the team to consolidate current achievements, to boost policy advocacy and to concentrate in engaging all partners in the negotiation of a planned exit process to ensure the sustainability of results.

III. Monitoring and Reporting

Biannual monitoring reports should continue to be prepared and submitted to the MDG-F Secretariat. Please be reminded that each Joint Programme is responsible for conducting its final evaluation prior to the closure of the programme and sharing the final report with the MDG-F Secretariat.

We would highly appreciate it if you could forward this memo to all participating UN agencies to the joint programme, and each participating UN agency should forward the memo to their corresponding HQs. Further information on the closure of programmes is available on the revised “MDG-F Joint Implementation Guidelines” uploaded on the MDG-F website (www.mdgfund.org).

With best wishes.

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