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Dear Mamadou
Dear Dr. Diallo,

Thank you for your submission to the Secretary-General's Peacebuilding Fund of the project proposal "Strengthening the justice and security sector response to drug trafficking and transnational organized crime to reduce insecurity in Guinea-Bissau".

I am pleased to inform you that the Peacebuilding Support Office, following the review by the Peacebuilding Review Group and the recommendation of the Project Appraisal Committee, has approved the proposal under the Fund's Peacebuilding and Recovery Facility (PRF) to be implemented by UNDP, UNODC and IOM for a total of \$ 2,000,900 over 25 months.

We trust that this project will make an important contribution to fight drug trafficking and organized crime in Guinea Bissau and reducing the impact of such crimes on the institutions and communities in the country, thereby reducing one of the country's main sources of fragility. We also trust that this project will help to ensure an effective transition in the area of drug trafficking and organized crime in view of the expected closure of UNIOGBIS. We especially count on the project to enable the civil society and the communities to play an effective monitoring and accountability role.

As per the PBF Guidelines, the project funds will be disbursed by the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office in two tranches to the three implementing UN agencies. The first tranche will amount to a total of \$1,471,250. The second tranche will amount to \$529,650. PBSO will now authorize an initial transfer of the first tranche. The second tranche will be released when the implementing organizations demonstrate at least 75% expenditure of the total budget for the first tranche, as well as compliance with narrative and financial reporting requirements. Please note that all subsequent tranches are also contingent on the availability of resources in the PBF.

As you are aware, monitoring and reporting on peacebuilding impact are a core responsibility of the Fund's mandate. This includes: a) ensuring timely

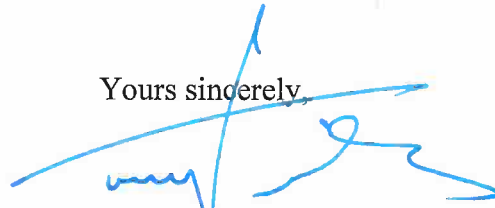
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submission of the PBF project progress report due annually on 15 June and 15 November and a PBF end-of-project report; b) ensuring robust monitoring of project progress (with all baselines completed within the first three months of project implementation), risks and results and advising PBSO if project amendments are required or if obstacles arise that may impact project outcomes; c) managing a high-quality independent evaluation (for which adequate funds will need to be reserved by each project), engaging the PBF Secretariat and PBSO in the evaluation process.

Please note that 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 United Nations organization's strategic communications products.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your team on sustaining peace and transition priorities in Guinea-Bissau. Thank you for keeping us apprised of the political situation in the country and any issues which may have an impact on the PBF portfolio of support.

Yours sincerely,



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