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Dear Ms. Okai,

Thank you for your submission of the project proposal “The Saving Lives Entity (SALIENT) – A Transformative Armed-Violence-Reduction Agenda for Sustainable Development” to the Secretary-General’s Peacebuilding Fund (PBF). 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 project under the Fund’s Immediate Response Facility with a total budget of \$ 3,795,599 to be implemented by UNDP for 24 months.

The Saving Lives Entity (SALIENT) is a global project that will allocate small grants to catalyse more comprehensive approaches to small-arms and armed-violence reduction in priority countries. Working on both the demand and supply sides of the illicit trafficking and misuse of small arms, SALIENT will support national initiatives in a holistic, transformative and gender responsive approach.

As per the PBF Guidelines, PBF project funds will be disbursed by the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office in one instalment.

As you are aware, monitoring and reporting on peacebuilding impact is a core responsibility of the Fund’s mandate. This includes: a) ensuring timely 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, risks and results and advising PBSO if project amendments are required or if obstacles arise that may impact project outcomes; and c) managing a high-quality independent evaluation, engaging PBSO in the evaluation process.

Please note that all entities receiving an allocation from the PBF 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.

Ms. Asako Okai
UN Assistant Secretary General, UNDP
Assistant Administrator and Director of the Crisis Bureau

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your team on SALIENT. I trust you will keep us apprised of the progress and any issues which may have an impact on this PBF project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Oscar Fernández-Taranco', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Oscar Fernández-Taranco
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