



Beirut, December 18, 2012

Mr. Robert Watkins
UNDP Resident Representative,
Beirut, Lebanon

Dear Mr. Watkins,

I would like to express my appreciation for your letter of June 8 concerning the project "Support to the 2MSP on the Convention on Cluster Munitions", which provided an opportunity to highlight the strong collaboration that exists between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants and UNDP through the successful organization of the Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (2MSP).

The 2MSP was indeed a success and one which we should all be proud of. It brought together a record number of participants from different countries, including many from the Arab region, which confirms that our universalization efforts were effective and worthwhile.

I welcome the support provided by UNDP during Lebanon's tenure as President of the Convention on Cluster Munitions, and the assistance with our obligations as State Party, not least the legal review underway to implement the Convention into national legislation. This is a very important endeavor, which I fully support.

In this regard, I approve of the decision to extend the timeframe of the "Support to 2MSP project" until the end of December 2013, and look forward to our continued partnership with UNDP.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.


Adnan Mansour



Support to 2MSP on the Convention on Cluster Munitions
Project ID: 00077997

June 8, 2012

Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the project "Support to the 2MSP on the Convention on Cluster Munitions – project ID: 00077997".

In this regard, please allow me to extend my deepest appreciation for the solid collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants that helped bring about a very successful Second Meeting of States Parties to the Convention on Cluster Munitions (2MSP) in September 2011.

As you know, the project was signed in June 2011 until December 2012, to support the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants in the organization of the 2MSP and in its role as President and State Party to the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Our collaboration through this initiative has been particularly positive, as it resulted in the successful organization of the 2MSP and the timely reporting by Lebanon on the status of implementation of the Convention in Lebanon. In addition, a legal review is under way to assist with Lebanon's obligations to implement the Convention into national legislation. It is however anticipated that the effective national implementation of the Convention will require more time than currently provided by the project, given the multiple processes involved in this exercise.

I would therefore wish to kindly request your Excellency's concurrence to extend the timeframe of the "Support to 2MSP project" until the end of December 2013, to complete the national implementation measures, and to provide continued support to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, as regards the reporting requirements of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

I look forward to a continued fruitful partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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