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Dear Mr. Kohno.

I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Japan has approved the projects included under "Assistance for African Countries" as listed below (the project documents are as per attached):

- 1) Strengthening the Security Sector in response to Urgent Needs in the Worsening Security Situation in the Sahel Region;
 - a) Promoting Dialogue and Strengthening Operational Level Competence for Security Sector Practitioners in the Sahel Region
 - b) Project for Consolidating Peace and Good Governance in the Sahel Region
- 2) Poverty Reduction Programme for Refugees and IDPs caused by Conflict and Drought in Mali;
 - c) *Project of Support for the Recovery of the Faguibin Communities
- 3) Poverty Reduction Programme for Refugees and IDPs caused by Conflict and Drought in Ethiopia;
 - d) Drought Recovery for Pastoralists and Agro-Pastoralist Communities in the Oromia Region
 - e) *Poverty Reduction Project for Communities Affected by Disasters
- 4) Poverty Reduction Project for Refugees and IDPs caused by Conflict and Drought in Kenya;
 - f) *Enhanced Resilience to Disaster Risk, Conflict and Climate Change at the National level and the Counties of Turkana and Tana River
- 5) Capacity Building of Police and Peace-building Programme and Poverty Reduction Programme for Refugees and IDPs caused by Conflict and Drought in Somalia;
 - g) Support to the Somali Federal Police Force
 - h) Peace Support Operation Training and Institutional Capacity Enhancement at the International Peace Support Training Centre
 - i) *Introduction of Solar Applications to Improve Energy Security in Somalia
- 6) Poverty Reduction Programme for Refugees and IDPs caused by Conflict and Drought in Sudan;
 - i) *Support for Displaced People, Returnees and their Communities
- 7) Poverty Reduction Programme for Refugees and IDPs caused by Conflict and Drought in South Sudan;
 - k) *Support of Access to Justice and Rule of Law for Conflict-affected People and Returnees

- 8) Poverty Reduction Programme for Refugees and IDPs caused by Conflict and Drought in Uganda;
 - 1) *Poverty Reduction for Former IDPs and Communities Affected by Conflict and Drought
- 9) Poverty Reduction Programme for Refugees and IDPs caused by Conflict and Drought in the Democratic Republic of Congo;
 - m) *IDPs Resilience Strengthening and Peace Building in Ituri, DR Congo

These projects have been approved since they are in line with the Japan-UNDP Partnership Fund 'Policies and Procedures'. In accordance with the approval of these projects, the Government of Japan requests UNDP to undertake the following:

- 1) Every effort should be made to publicize that the projects are funded by Japan in partnership with UNDP in accordance with the 'Policies and Procedures'4. It would be preferable to clearly refer to the fact that the projects are funded by Japan in publications and articles regarding the projects. Furthermore, UNDP is requested to submit materials, including press releases, promotional materials featuring Japan's ODA logo that were actually used, and pictures of the projects' implementation, accordingly.
- 2) The respective UNDP Country Offices in each project country should periodically submit progress reports, including financial disbursement records, for the projects to the respective Embassies of Japan. Furthermore, as stated in the proposal, a final report including accounting statements should be submitted to the Government of Japan within three months of completion of the projects. The statements should be based on actual expenditures.
- 3) The projects listed above as c), e), f), i), j), k), l) and m) were formulated with aim to collaborate with the Japanese Private Sector, and UNDP country offices are therefore requested to make efforts to proactively collaborate with private Japanese companies insofar as the aforementioned projects remain within UNDP's Rules and Regulations pertaining to procurement.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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