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Minutes of the Local Project Appraisal Committee Meeting

Date: September 26, 2012

Subject: Strengthening capacities of the Government of Montenegro, and in particular, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration for overall coordination of European Integration (EI) process with the focus on accession negotiations

The documents were sent by email to all LPAC members on September 25, 2012.

The meeting was attended by following LPAC members:

Chairperson:

Ms Lovita Ramguttee, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP

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Members:

Ms Nadica Dujovic, Communication Associate, UNDP

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Ms Dubravka Obradovic, Finance Associate, UNDP

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Other programme/project members:

Ms Sanja Bojanic, Team Leader UNDP

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Project Proposal was presented by: Ms Olivera Dimic, Programme Manager, UNDP

Minutes taken by: Mr Richard Djuricic, Programme Assistant, UNDP

Background information on the submitted project proposal:

The Project will strengthen capacities of the Government of Montenegro and in particular Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration (MFAEI) for overall coordination of EI process with the focus on accession negotiation. To produce the Project goal, the project will facilitate the delivery of main inputs required for the effective role of the MFAEI and other ministries and stakeholders involved in the process of EU integration. These inputs include the

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advancement of the institutional, human resource, technical and knowledge platforms necessary for achievements of national priorities in the process of Accession to the EU. Although, project interventions will support overall Government efforts in this process, the project will focus on the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration which coordinates the Foreign Policy and European integration priorities of the Government of Montenegro.

Questions/Comments/Recommendations

- The project document includes only the approved contribution from the Norway while on the cover page of the project document, the unfunded budget should be set to 363,676 USD inclusive of EU funds and of further resource mobilization of the project / from UNDP based on resource considerations.
- Insert a paragraph on sustainability with example on engagement of local consultants to strengthen the capacities of the recipient ministry with the result of further employment within the ministry.
- On page 13. of the project document add more on synergies with focus on CDP's responsiveness with regards to requests other than the MFAEI and presentation of these requests to the Project Board for approval.
- Gender comments to be incorporated once received by the Gender Mainstreaming Officer

LPAC attendees agreed to endorse the project proposal "Strengthening capacities of the Government of Montenegro, and in particular, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration for overall coordination of European Integration (EI) process with the focus on accession negotiations", on the basis of several suggestions discussed and agreed upon, on the LPAC meeting.

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