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Your Excellency,

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Ukraine presents its compliments to the Embassy of Japan in Ukraine and you personally and has an honor to share with you the Progress Report of the "Rapid Response to Social and Economic Issues of IDPs in Ukraine" project that is being implemented by UNDP thanks to the generous contribution of the people of Japan. The presentation is attached to this letter.


We would like to ensure you that all project activities are being implemented in line with the Project Document and achieved results are already noticeable. However, within Employment Support component (Activity 2.1.1) there is a need to monitor the work of beneficiaries during the whole duration of 12-month contracts in order to ensure that funds disbursed to them are used for the intended purpose of job creation. Furthermore, several beneficiaries have withdrawn their applications and project has USD 330 thousand of uncommitted funds that could be reallocated to finance other employment support activities.

Considering the above mentioned, we would like to request a no-cost extension of this project for a period of 8 months. We also supplement this request with a matrix describing uncontrollable issues that influenced project implementation.

The contact person for this issue is Mr. Kunal Dhar, Recovery and Stabilization Advisor (+38 044 253-93-63, ext. 136; kunal.dhar@undp.org).

We avail ourselves to the opportunity to extend to you the assurances of our highest considerations.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures:

- 1) *Request & Justification for No-Cost Extension;*
- 2) *Project Progress Report (presentation);*
- 3) *Provisional Financial Report.*

His Excellency,
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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Ukraine