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Extensions of cooperation frameworks and country programmes

Note of the Administrator

Summary

The present note contains information on the two-year extension of the Fourth Cooperation Framework for South-South Cooperation, and the first one-year extensions for the country programmes for Eritrea and the Syrian Arab Republic. Requests for first one-year extensions of country programmes are approved by the Administrator and presented to the Executive Board for information.

Elements of a decision

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the two-year extension of the Fourth Cooperation Framework for South-South Cooperation pursuant to decision 2009/9, and the extensions for the country programmes for Eritrea and the Syrian Arab Republic for a period of one year each, from 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012, as reported in table 1.

Annex

Table 1. Extensions of country programmes approved by the Administrator since June 2011

| Country | Original framewor k/CPD period | Year(s) proposed for new extension | Reason and explanation | | |
|---|---|---|------------------------------|---|--|
| | | | United Nations harmonization | In-country political development | Implementation and/or other issues |
| Fourth Cooperation Framework for South- South Cooperation | 2008-2011 | 2012-2013 | | | Pursuant to decision 2009/9, the framework is being extended to synchronize with the UNDP strategic plan for 2008-2013. During the extension period, the objectives and activities of the framework would remain the same, and programme activities supported by the Special Unit would be consistent with the focus areas of the framework as elaborated in DP/CF/SSC/4/Rev.1 |
| Eritrea | 2007-2011 | 2012 | | | The Government of the State of Eritrea has decided to opt out of the next UNDAF process. This extension is informed by a Concept Note that is aligned to existing and emerging national priorities, and describes the sectors in which the UNCT/UNDP will concentrate until the end of 2012. |
| Syria | 2007-2011 | 2012 | | The UNCT and the government of Syria agreed to extend the country programme for one year to allow for more time for consultative process in developing a new programme. | |

UNDAF = United Nations Development Assistance Framework UNCT= United Nations Country Team

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