

Programme des Nations Unies pour le développement

Tunis, December 03, 2021

Excellency,

Subject: Request for a no-cost extension

Reference is made to the cost sharing agreement related to the programme “Supporting the Tunisian population’s access to their rights” (‘Access to Right’s Programme) signed between the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands and the United Nations Development Programme in November 2017. The third and last installment has been received on August 22, 2021.

Further to discussions held with your colleagues from the Embassy in charge of this programme, we would like to request an additional twelve months no-cost extension of the cost-sharing agreement that is expected to expire on December 31, 2021. If approved, the new ending date will be December 31, 2022.

The no-cost extension would allow to align the duration of the agreement to that of the SDG16+ Portfolio of Projects on “Sustaining peace through the promotion of a peaceful, just and inclusive society in Tunisia” that is also supported by your Government and integrates the ‘Access to Rights’ projects on improving access to justice in Medenine and Tataouine, and the one supporting the two independent bodies on torture prevention and on anti-trafficking. By according a 12-month extension to the two afore mentioned projects UNDP revised their respective annual work plans for 2021 with the aim of postponing few knowledge management / lessons learned activities to 2022. Next year we will be able to take stock of the achievements in Medenine and geographically expand our legal aid support to vulnerable people in Tataouine by amending the Responsible Party Agreement we signed with Avocats Sans Frontières, as well as the training sessions for judges and clerks with the support of National Center for State Courts. The demand of an additional 12-month no-cost extension is also based on the need of finalizing restauration and equipment of Medenine’s tribunals and prison, which process has been launched only recently because of COVID19 restrictions in the field.

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We seize the opportunity to thank you and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands for the significant support provided the UNDP's efforts to support the democratic transition in Tunisia. Me and my colleagues remain at your disposal should you have any comments or queries.

Yours sincerely,

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