

**Amendment No. 3**  
**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**between**  
**Participating UN Organizations<sup>1</sup>,**  
**and**  
**the United Nations Development Programme**  
**regarding the Operational Aspects of the SDGs Acceleration Fund for Albania**

**WHEREAS**, the Participating United Nations Organizations(hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Participating UN Organizations”) signed this Memorandum of Understanding developed the Albania One UN Coherence Fund (hereinafter referred to as the “Fund”) starting on 24 October 2007 and ending on **31 December 2021**<sup>2</sup> (hereinafter “End Date”), as may be amended from time to time, as part of their respective development cooperation with the Government of Albania (hereinafter referred to as the “Host Government”).

**WHEREAS**, in amendment No. 1 to the Memorandum of Understanding, signed on 10 October 2018, the Steering Committee approved and the Participating Organizations amended the Terms of Reference for the fund, which included the change of the name of the fund to SDGs Acceleration Fund for Albania.

**WHEREAS**, the Steering Committee, at the virtual Joint Executive Committee (JEC) meeting, held on 11 October 2021, approved the extension of the Fund from 31 December 2021 until 31 December 2023.

**NOWHEREOF**, the Steering Committee, at the virtual Joint Executive Committee (JEC) meeting, held on 1 September 2023, approved the extension of the Fund from 31 December 2023 until 31 December 2024.

The Memorandum of Understanding between the Participating UN Organizations, the Resident Coordinator and the United Nations Development Programme (acting as Administrative Agent of the Albania SDG Acceleration Fund) is therefore modified as follows:

*Preamble:*

**WHEREAS**, the Participating United Nations Organizations(hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Participating UN Organizations”) signed this Memorandum of Understanding have developed the “**SDG Acceleration Fund for Albania**” (hereinafter referred to as the “Fund”) starting on 24 October 2007 and ending on **31 December 2024**<sup>3</sup> (hereinafter “End Date”), as may be amended from time to time, as part of their

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<sup>1</sup> As indicated in the signature blocks.

<sup>2</sup> This is the date that the Fund is expected to come to operational closure as stipulated in the TOR and all programmatic activities are expected to be completed.


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respective development cooperation with the Government of Albania (hereinafter referred to as the “Host Government”), as more fully described in the Terms of Reference of the fund dated 6 June 2018, SDGs Acceleration Fund for Albania (hereinafter referred to as the “TOR”), as may be amended from time to time, a copy of which is attached hereto as ANNEX A, and have agreed to establish a coordination mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the “Steering Committee”) <sup>4</sup> to facilitate the effective and efficient collaboration between the Participating UN Organizations and the Host Government for the implementation of the Fund;

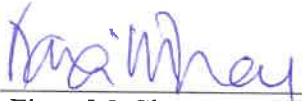
All other terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding remain unchanged.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, duly authorized representatives of the respective Participants, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in English.


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***For UNDP***

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***For***

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<sup>4</sup> The composition and role of the Steering Committee will be determined in line with the applicable UN rules and policies, and guidance for the Fund, namely the UNDG Guidance on MDTFs and the UNDG Standard Operating Procedures for countries adopting the “Delivering as One” approach (SOPs).


ANNEX C  
Notices

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