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Dear Mr. Cissé,

Thank you for your submission of the “Support to democratic processes and peacebuilding in Côte d’Ivoire” project to the Secretary-General’s Peacebuilding Fund. I am pleased to inform you that the Peacebuilding Support Office, following the review by the Peacebuilding Contact Group and the recommendation of the Project Appraisal Committee, has approved the project under the PBF’s Peacebuilding and Recovery Facility with a total budget of \$1,200,000.

As per PBF Guidelines, project funds will be disbursed by the Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office in two instalments. The first tranche will be as follows: UNDP: \$700,000 and UN Women: \$200,000; and the second tranche will be as follows: UNDP: \$300,000. The second tranche will be transferred following a demonstrated project financial implementation rate of at least 75% of the first tranche and the submission of any PBF reports required during that period.

As this represents additional PBF support towards peaceful elections and democratic processes in Côte d’Ivoire, we trust the project will capitalize on lessons learned from the previous phase, establish close cooperation with the other current PBF projects as well as interventions by other donors. The project also needs to ensure sustainability of results, especially a functional political dialogue platform and an early warning mechanism ready for the 2020 elections, and stronger foundations for women’s and youth’s participation. Given the nature of the project, we also trust you will continue to keep UNOWAS and the Department of Political Affairs closely engaged to ensure the project makes a difference to the level of citizens’ confidence and trust in their country’s democratic processes, whilst also preventing potential electoral violence.

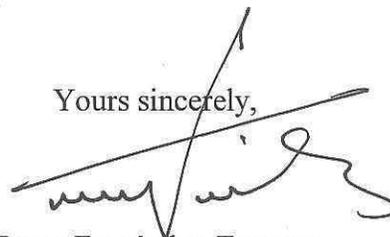
Mr. Babacar Cissé
United Nations Resident Coordinator in Côte d’Ivoire
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As you are aware, monitoring and reporting on peacebuilding impact is a core responsibility of the Fund's mandate. This includes: a) ensuring timely submission of the PBF project progress report due annually on 15 June and 15 November and the end of project report; b) ensuring robust monitoring of project progress, risks and results and advising PBSO if project amendments are required or if obstacles arise that may impact project outcomes; c) managing a high-quality independent evaluation (for which adequate project funds will need to be reserved), with PBSO involvement in the evaluation process.

Please note that all entities receiving an allocation from the Peacebuilding Fund are obligated to ensure the visibility of the Fund. This should include both the identification of success stories within routine reporting as well as through the recipient United Nations organization's strategic communications products.

I look forward to working with you and your team on this important sustaining peace endeavour in Côte d'Ivoire, in support of the Peacebuilding Support Program (PACoP) and continued successful transition processes. Thank you for keeping us apprised of the political situation in the country and any issues which may have an impact on this project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Oscar Fernández-Taranco', written over a horizontal line.

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cc: H.E. Mr. Kacou Houadja Léon Adom
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