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### Extensions of ongoing country programmes

#### Note by the secretariat

#### *Summary*

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, this note informs the Executive Board of the one-year extensions of the following country programmes approved by the Executive Director: Albania, Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Chad, Ghana, Guyana, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Oman, Peru, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Ukraine and Viet Nam.

The note further presents the reasons for the proposed two-year extensions of the country programmes for Nepal, Namibia, Pakistan and Sierra Leone and the second one-year extensions for Chile and the Islamic Republic of Iran, which the Executive Board is requested to approve.

#### *Draft decision*

##### *The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note* of the one-year extensions of the country programmes approved by the Executive Director, as indicated in table 1, for Albania, Bangladesh, Cape Verde, Chad, Ghana, Guyana, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritania, Oman, Peru, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Ukraine and Viet Nam.

2. *Approves* the two-year extensions for Nepal, Namibia, Pakistan and Sierra Leone and the second one-year extensions for Chile and the Islamic Republic of Iran, as presented in table 2.

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Table 1  
**One-year extensions of country programmes approved by the Executive Director in 2010**

<i>Country</i>	<i>Original programme period</i>	<i>Year proposed for extension</i>	<i>Reason for extension</i>
Albania	2006-2010	2011	Harmonization with the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), extended in order to benefit from the evaluation, in 2010, of all 'Delivering as One' ('One United Nations') pilots, as requested by the General Assembly.
Bangladesh	2006-2010	2011	Harmonization with the UNDAF, extended at the request of the Government to align it with its second poverty reduction strategy paper (PRSP), ending in December 2011, and its sixth five-year development plan, beginning with its 2011/2012 fiscal year.
Cape Verde	2006-2010	2011	Harmonization with the UNDAF, extended to align with the Cape Verde PRSP, ending in 2011, and to bring the UNDAF cycle in line with the 'One United Nations' programme.
Chad	2006-2010	2011	Harmonization with the UNDAF, extended at the request of the Government to align it with its PRSP.
Ghana	2006-2010	2011	Harmonization with the UNDAF, extended to align with the revised national development framework priorities following the election and transition period of the new Government.
Guyana	2006-2010	2011	Harmonization of programme cycles among the United Nations system agencies.
Kyrgyzstan	2005-2010	2011	Harmonization with the UNDAF, extended at the request of the Government to align it with its PRSP.
Mauritania	2009-2010	2011	Harmonization with the UNDAF, extended at the request of the Government to align it with its new PRSP.
Oman	2007-2010	2011	Harmonization of UNICEF country programme with the Sultanate's eighth five-year development plan.
Peru	2006-2010	2011	Harmonization with the UNDAF, extended at the request of the Government to align it with national administrative processes.
Russian Federation	2006-2010	2011	Elaboration of new modalities for further cooperation, as agreed with the Government.
South Africa	2007-2010	2011	Harmonization with the UNDAF, extended in agreement with the Government, to enable the United Nations to align it with the new Government's priorities.
Ukraine	2006-2010	2011	Harmonization with the UNDAF, extended at the request of the Government to align it with its national modernization strategy (Ukraine-2020), currently being finalized.

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Viet Nam	2006-2010	2011	Harmonization with the UNDAF, extended at the request of the Government to align it with its new five-year socio-economic development plan.

Table 2

**Extensions of country programmes for which the approval of the Executive Board is sought**

<i>Country</i>	<i>Original programme period</i>	<i>Years proposed for extension</i>	<i>Reason for extension</i>		
			<i>In-country development</i>	<i>United Nations harmonization</i>	<i>Implementation or other issues</i>
Chile	2005-2010	2011 second consecutive one-year extension	Chile was significantly affected by an earthquake and tsunami in February 2010, days before the inauguration of the newly elected Government. Extending the current country programme for one year will allow sufficient time to develop the next country programme in consultation with all stakeholders and based on the emerging national priorities.	The current UNDAF has been extended until end-2011 in order to develop the next UNDAF based on national priorities.	The present country programme components and strategies remain relevant, with a focus on capacity development and technical assistance for both governmental counterparts and civil society. Priority areas of cooperation include monitoring the impact of public policies on children's welfare, advocacy, and systematization and dissemination of best practices taking place in the country.
Islamic Republic of Iran	2007-2010	2011 second consecutive one-year extension	The Government is finalizing its new five-year national development plan (NDP).	In order to harmonize the next UNDAF with the priorities set out in the new NDP, the United Nations system agencies, in consultation with the Government and the Regional Directors' Team, extended the current UNDAF for the second consecutive year, through 2011.	The country programme will continue to support integrated early childhood development; HIV/AIDS and adolescent-friendly services; education and women's empowerment; and child protection.
Nepal	2008-2010	2011-2012	Over the next two years, Nepal will finalize a new constitution, a new federal state structure and deal with challenging	Following the development of a concept paper for the Government's next NDP, the United Nations system	The midterm review confirmed the country programme's focus: support to 23 districts, with an emphasis on marginalized groups; capacity-building for

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			issues relating to the peace agreement, leading up to the election in 2011.	agencies extended the current UNDAF by two years, through 2012. The existing UNDAF themes continue to be relevant: support to consolidating peace; basic social services; livelihoods; and human rights, inclusion and equity.	policy and planning; improving access to inclusive quality education; improving access to high-impact child, maternal and newborn interventions; ensuring access to sustainable and safe drinking water and sanitation facilities as well as improved hygiene practices; and improving access to preventive services for pregnant women and adolescents.
Namibia	2006-2010	2011-2012	Following the installation of the newly elected national assembly in March 2010, the Government is expected to develop the fourth NDP (2012-2016).	Following an evaluation of the current UNDAF, it was extended by 2 years, through 2012, in order to align the UNDAF with the next NDP.	The country programme will continue with the existing structure, strategies and approaches.
Pakistan	2009-2010	2011-2012	The implementation of the 'One United Nations' programme has been slowed, due to a focus on support to populations in North-West Frontier Province and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas.	The 'One United Nations' programme identifies five joint programmes as major areas of support and harmonized strategies: agriculture, rural development and poverty reduction; education; health and population; environment; and disaster risk management. The UNICEF-assisted country programme is fully coherent with and embedded in the 'One United Nations' programme.	The country programme will continue with the strategies and approaches implemented in 2009-2010: (a) maternal and child health care; (b) primary education; (c) child and adolescent protection; and (d) water, environment and sanitation.

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Sierra Leone	2008-2010	2011-2012	The country continues to make steady progress in the transition from humanitarian emergency to recovery.	Following the launch of its second PRSP ( <i>The Agenda for Change</i> ) for 2008-2012, the Government endorsed the Joint UN Vision (2009-2012) as the framework for United Nations support. In consultation with the Regional Directors' Team, the United Nations system agencies decided to request a two-year extension of their respective country programmes in order to align them with the Joint UN Vision.	The midterm review confirmed the focus of United Nations contributions in support of the new PRSP. The country programme will continue the strategies and approaches adopted in 2008-2010: to provide support in the areas of health, education and water.