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Note by the Executive Director

Summary

The present note contains information on the one-year extensions of the UNFPA country programmes for Afghanistan and Timor-Leste.

In accordance with established procedures, the Executive Director approves the first one-year extension of a country programme, while requests for second one-year extensions or requests for two-year extensions are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the one-year country programme extensions for Afghanistan and Timor-Leste, as indicated in the attached table.

Table 1. One-year country programme extensions approved by the Executive Director

| Country | Original programme period | Year proposed for extension | Explanation | | |
|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|--|
| | | | United Nations harmonization | In-country political development | Implementation and/or other issues |
| Afghanistan | 2010-2013 | 2014 | The United Nations country team has recommended that preparations for the new United Nations Development Assistance Framework be delayed in order to align it with national events in 2014. The United Nations will align its programmes to the Afghanistan national development strategy, agreed in 2012, and, in 2014, with the national transition arrangements. | The international security presence in Afghanistan will withdraw during 2014. In addition, a national election will take place in April 2014. | The current country programme is an adequate framework for programme implementation during 2014. |

Table 1. (continued)

| Country | Original programme period | Years proposed for extension | Explanation | | |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|
| | | | United Nations harmonization | In-country political development | Implementation and/or other issues |
| Timor-Leste | 2009-2013 | 2014 | The request for a one-year extension of the UNFPA country programme is consistent with a one-year extension of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework, agreed by the United Nations country team. | Elections occurred in 2012. The formation of the new government was necessary prior to initiating negotiations on the next United Nations Development Assistance Framework. | The current country programme provides an adequate framework for programme implementation. |