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**Country programmes and related matters**

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**Extensions of country programmes**

**Note by the Executive Director**

*Summary*

The present note contains information on the following: (a) the first one-year extension of the programme of special assistance to Myanmar; and (b) the two-year extension of the country programme for Timor-Leste.

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

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the first one-year extension of the first programme of special assistance to Myanmar, as indicated in table 1, and approve the two-year extension of the first country programme for Timor-Leste, as indicated in table 2.

**Table 1. Extensions of programmes approved by the Executive Director**

Country	Original programme period	Year proposed for extension	Reason and explanation		
			United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Implementation and/or other issues
Myanmar	2002-2005	2006	UNDP is also proposing a one-year programme for Myanmar.	The country is involved in the process of developing a new constitution by convening a national convention, which is fully engaging the Government.	The current special programme of assistance provides an adequate framework for all UNFPA-supported projects being implemented in Myanmar.

**Table 2. Extensions of UNFPA country programmes for which the approval of the Executive Board is sought**

Country	Years covered by original country programme	Year covered by any extension already approved	Year(s) proposed for new extension	Extension		Reason and explanation		
				2nd one year	Two years	United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Other
Timor-Leste	2003-2005	None	2006-2007		X	In line with harmonization, UNDP and UNICEF are also seeking two-year extensions of their current programmes in Timor-Leste.	The current national development plan (2002-2007) was adopted at the time of independence in May 2002. The Government has requested United Nations funds and programmes to harmonize their programming cycles with that of the Government.	Given the newly independent status of Timor-Leste, the development of data for the next country programme and the indicators for the current programme are only now being generated, notably through the UNFPA-supported census.