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Note by the Executive Director

Summary

The present note contains information on the third one-year extension of the UNFPA 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 or third year, or two-year extensions, are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the exceptional third-year extension of the country programme for Timor-Leste, as indicated in the attached table.

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 | | |
|-------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | | | Exceptional third year | United Nations harmonization | In-country political development | Other |
| Timor-Leste | 2003-2005 | 2006-2007 | 2008 | X | In line with harmonization, UNDP and UNICEF, in addition to UNFPA, are also seeking an additional one-year extension of their current country programmes in Timor-Leste. | The current national development plan (2002-2007) was adopted at the time of independence in May 2002. The Government of Timor-Leste has requested United Nations funds and programmes to harmonize their programming cycles with those of the Government. | Social and political upheavals, along with the precarious security situation in 2006, delayed the programming process in Timor-Leste. The current programme of assistance provides an adequate framework for UNFPA-supported projects in Timor-Leste during 2008. |