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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 Paraguay and Venezuela.

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 Paraguay and Venezuela 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
Paraguay	2007-2013	2014	The United Nations country team and the Government have agreed to extend the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), 2007-2013, for one year, through 2014. This will enable the UNDAF to be aligned with the new government administration, which will take office in August 2013, and with the new national development plan. UNFPA will likewise extend its country programme for one year, in order to ensure alignment with government planning processes.	The next presidential election will take place in April 2013; a new administration will take office in August 2013. The new administration is expected to adopt a development plan that the United Nations system will take into account in developing the next UNDAF. The United Nations country team considers the alignment with the new government plan, national priorities and public policies to be of critical importance.	The UNDAF and the UNFPA country programme planning processes will begin in 2013 and continue in 2014, to ensure alignment with national priorities. The next programme cycle will begin in 2015. The current UNFPA country programme provides an adequate framework for implementing UNFPA-supported projects in Paraguay for an additional year.

Table 1. (continued)

Country	Original programme period	Years proposed for extension	Explanation		
			United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Implementation and/or other issues
Venezuela	2009-2013	2014	The United Nations country team will extend the current United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), 2009-2013, for an additional year, 2014, in order to ensure its alignment with the national development planning cycle. In compliance with United Nations harmonization, UNDP, UNFPA and UNICEF will extend their country programmes through 2014, to align them to the extended UNDAF.	The Government has requested an extension of the UNDAF, as well as the extension of the United Nations system country programmes, through 2014. This will ensure that the formulation of the next UNDAF takes into account the priorities and policies of the new social and economic development plans that the Government plans to formulate in 2013.	The current UNFPA country programme provides an adequate framework for implementing UNFPA-supported projects in Venezuela for an additional year.