

Annex B
Standard SAA for MPTF

**STANDARD ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR
[NAME OF MULTI-DONOR TRUST FUND]
USING PASS-THROUGH FUND MANAGEMENT¹**

¹ This Standard Administrative Arrangement has been agreed upon by the members of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG). Any substantial ('substantial' would imply changes that are linked to the legal relationships described in the Standard Administrative Arrangement, the governance mechanisms, reporting arrangements or equivalent) modification to the Standard Administrative Arrangement requires the prior written agreement of the Participating UN Organizations and Administrative Agent of the particular MDTF, and needs be cleared by the UNDG Advisory Group through the UN Development Operations Coordination Office (DOCO).

Standard Administrative Arrangement
between
[Name of Donor],
and
[Name of the Administrative Agent]

WHEREAS, Participating United Nations Organizations that have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Participating UN Organizations”) have developed a [name of Multi-Donor Trust Fund] (hereinafter referred to as the “Fund”) starting on [start date] and ending on [end date]² (hereinafter “End Date”), as may be amended from time to time, as part of their respective development cooperation with the Government of [name of country] (**if applicable**) (hereinafter referred to as the “Host Government”), as more fully described in the Terms of Reference of the Multi-Donor Trust Fund (hereinafter referred to as the “TOR”), a copy of which is attached hereto as **ANNEX A**; and have agreed to establish a coordination mechanism (hereinafter referred to as the “Steering Committee”) ³ to facilitate the effective and efficient collaboration between the Participating UN Organizations and the Host Government (**if applicable**) for the implementation of the Fund;

WHEREAS, the Participating UN Organizations have agreed that they should adopt a coordinated approach to collaboration with donors who wish to support the implementation of the Fund and have developed a TOR to use as the basis for mobilising resources for the Fund, and have further agreed that they should offer donors the opportunity to contribute to the Fund and receive reports on the Fund through a single channel;

WHEREAS, the Participating UN Organizations have appointed [name of the **Administrative Agent**] (hereinafter referred to as the “Administrative Agent”) (which is also a Participating UN Organization in connection with the Fund)⁴ in a Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the “MoU”) concluded between, the Administrative Agent and Participating UN Organizations on [date], attached hereto for informational purposes as Annex C to serve as their administrative interface between donors and the Participating UN Organizations for these purposes. To that end the Administrative Agent has established a separate ledger account under its financial regulations and rules for the receipt and administration of the funds received from donors

² This is the date that the Fund is expected to come to operational closure as stipulated in the TOR and all programmatic activities are expected to be completed.

³ The composition and role of the Steering Committee will be determined in line with the applicable UN rules and policies, and guidance for the Fund, namely the UNDG Guidance on MDTFs, and the UNDG Standard Operating Procedures for countries adopting the “Delivering as One” approach (SOPs).

⁴ In most cases, the Administrative Agent will also be a Participating UN Organization. However, where the Administrative Agent is not a Participating UN Organization, this provision can be deleted.

who wish to provide financial support to the Fund through the Administrative Agent (hereinafter referred to as the “Fund Account”);

WHEREAS, [Name of Donor] (hereinafter referred to as the “Donor”) wishes to provide financial support to the Fund on the basis of the TOR as part of its development cooperation with the Host Government (if applicable) and wishes to do so through the Administrative Agent as proposed by the Participating UN Organizations; and

WHEREAS, this Standard Administrative Arrangement between the Donor and the Administrative Agent stipulates the terms and conditions of the financial support to the Fund, [and is not considered an international treaty and is not enforceable under international law]⁵;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Donor and the Administrative Agent (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Participants”) hereby decide as follows:

Section I
Disbursement of Funds to the Administrative Agent
and the Fund Account

1. [Subject to annual parliamentary appropriation⁶] the Donor makes a contribution of [up to]⁷[**amount in words**] (**amount in figures**) and such further amounts (hereinafter referred to as the “Contribution”) to support the Fund. The Contribution will enable the Participating UN Organizations to support the Fund in accordance with the TOR, as may be amended from time to time. The Donor authorizes the Administrative Agent to use the Contribution for the purposes of the Fund and in accordance with this Standard Administrative Arrangement (hereinafter referred to as “Arrangement”). The Donor acknowledges that the Contribution will be co-mingled with other contributions to the Fund Account and that it will not be separately identified or administered.

2. The Donor will deposit the Contribution by wire transfer, in accordance with the schedule of payments set out in ANNEX B to this Arrangement, in convertible currencies of unrestricted use, to the following account:

For payment in USD:

Name of Account: UNDP Multi-Donor Trust Fund Office (USD) Account
Account Number: 36349626
Name of Bank: Citibank, N.A.
Address of Bank: 111 Wall Street

⁵ DRAFTING NOTE: Some donor governments require this language in the Arrangement. Therefore bracketed language should be deleted if not applicable.

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⁷ DRAFTING NOTE: The bracketed language can be deleted if not applicable for the donor.

New York, New York 10043
SWIFT Code: CITIUS33
ABA: 021000089
Reference: [Name of Fund] Account

3. When making a transfer to the Administrative Agent, the Donor will notify the Administrative Agent's Treasury Operations of the following: (a) the amount transferred, (b) the value date of the transfer; and (c) that the transfer is from **[name of Donor]** in respect of the Fund in **[name of country]** (if applicable) pursuant to this Arrangement. The Administrative Agent will promptly acknowledge receipt of funds in writing indicating the amount received in United States dollars and the date of receipt of the Contribution.
4. All financial accounts and statements related to the Contribution will be expressed in United States dollars.
5. The United States dollar value of a Contribution payment, if made in a currency other than United States dollars, will be determined by applying the United Nations operational rate of exchange in effect on the date of receipt of the Contribution. The Administrative Agent will not absorb gains or losses on currency exchanges. Such amounts will increase or decrease the funds available for disbursements to Participating UN Organizations.
6. The Fund Account will be administered by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the regulations, rules, policies and procedures applicable to it, including those relating to interest.
7. The Administrative Agent will be entitled to allocate an administrative fee of one percent (1%) of the Contribution by the Donor, to cover the Administrative Agent's costs of performing the Administrative Agent's functions.
8. The Steering Committee may request any of the Participating UN Organizations, to perform additional tasks in support of the Fund not related to the Administrative Agent functions detailed in Section I, paragraph 2 of the MoU and subject to the availability of funds. In this case, costs for such tasks will be decided in advance and with the approval of the Steering Committee be charged to the Fund as direct costs.
9. The Administrative Agent will be entitled to charge to the Fund Account a direct cost charge in an amount(s) consistent with then-current UNDG guidance to cover the cost of continuing to render Administrative Agent functions if and when the Steering Committee agrees to extend the Fund beyond the End Date with no further contribution(s) to the Fund.

Section II
Disbursement of Funds to the Participating UN Organizations
and a Separate Ledger Account

1. The Administrative Agent will make disbursements from the Fund Account in accordance with decisions from the Steering Committee, in line with the approved programmatic document⁸. The disbursements to the Participating UN Organizations will consist of direct and indirect costs as set out in the Fund budget.
2. Each Participating UN Organization will establish a separate ledger account under its financial regulations and rules for the receipt and administration of the funds disbursed to it from the Fund Account. Each Participating UN Organization assumes full programmatic and financial accountability for the funds disbursed to them by the Administrative Agent. That separate ledger account will be administered by each Participating UN Organization in accordance with its own regulations, rules, policies and procedures, including those relating to interest.⁹
3. Where the balance in the Fund Account on the date of a scheduled disbursement is insufficient to make that disbursement, the Administrative Agent will consult with the Steering Committee and make a disbursement, if any, in accordance with the Steering Committee's decisions.
4. The Donor reserves the right to discontinue future deposits of its Contribution further to Annex B if there is: (i) failure to fulfil any obligations under this Arrangement; (ii) if there are substantial revisions of the TOR; or (iii) if there are credible allegations of improper use of the funds in accordance with Section VIII of this Arrangement; provided however that before doing so, the Administrative Agent, the Steering Committee and the Donor will consult with a view to promptly resolving the matter.

Section III
Activities of the Participating UN Organization

Implementation of the Fund

⁸ As used in this document, an approved programmatic document refers to an annual work plan or a programme/project document, etc., which is approved by the Steering Committee of a MDTF for fund allocation purposes.

⁹ Where the Administrative Agent is also a Participating UN Organization, it will need to open its own separate ledger account and transfer funds from the Fund Account to its separate ledger account.

1. The implementation of the programmatic activities which the Donor assists in financing under this Arrangement will be the responsibility of the Participating UN Organizations and will be carried out by each Participating UN Organization in accordance with its own applicable regulations, rules, policies and procedures including those relating to procurement as well as the selection and assessment of implementing partners. Accordingly, personnel will be engaged and administered, equipment, supplies and services purchased, and contracts entered into in accordance with the provisions of such regulations, rules, policies and procedures. The Donor will not be responsible or liable for the activities of the Participating UN Organizations or the Administrative Agent as a result of this Arrangement.

2. The Participating UN Organizations will carry out the activities for which they are responsible in line with the budget contained in the approved programmatic document. Any modifications to the scope of the approved programmatic document, including as to its nature, content, sequencing or the duration thereof by the concerned Participating UN Organization(s), will be subject to the approval of the Steering Committee. The Participating UN Organization will promptly notify the Administrative Agent through the Steering Committee of any change in the budget as set out in the approved programmatic document.

3. Indirect costs of the Participating UN Organizations recovered through programme support costs will be seven percent (7%). All other costs incurred by each Participating UN Organization in carrying out the activities for which it is responsible under the Fund will be recovered as direct costs.

4. The Participating UN Organizations will commence and continue to conduct operations for the Fund activities only upon receipt of disbursements as instructed by the Steering Committee.

5. The Participating UN Organizations will not make any commitments above the budgeted amounts in the approved programmatic document.

6. If unforeseen expenditures arise, the Steering Committee will submit, through the Administrative Agent, a supplementary budget to the Donor showing the further financing that will be necessary. If no such further financing is available, the activities to be carried out under the approved programmatic document may be reduced or, if necessary, terminated by the Participating UN Organizations.

7. As an exceptional measure, particularly during the start-up phase of the Fund, subject to conformity with their financial regulations, rules and policies, Participating UN Organizations may elect to start implementation of Fund activities in advance of receipt of initial or subsequent transfers from the Fund Account by using their own resources. Such advance activities will be undertaken in agreement with the Steering Committee on the basis of funds it has allocated or approved for implementation by the particular Participating UN Organization following receipt by the Administrative Agent of signed

Administrative Arrangements from donors contributing to the Fund. Participating UN Organizations will be solely responsible for decisions to initiate such advance activities or other activities outside the parameters set forth above.

8. Each Participating UN Organization will establish appropriate programmatic safeguard measures in the design and implementation of its Fund activities, thereby promoting the shared values, norms and standards of the United Nations system. These measures may include, as applicable, the respect of international conventions on the environment, on children's rights, and internationally agreed core labour standards.

Special Provisions regarding Financing of Terrorism

9. Consistent with UN Security Council Resolutions relating to terrorism, including UN Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001) and 1267 (1999) and related resolutions, the Participants are firmly committed to the international fight against terrorism, and in particular, against the financing of terrorism. Similarly, the Participants and the Participating UN Organizations recognize their obligation to comply with any applicable sanctions imposed by the UN Security Council. Each of the Participating UN Organizations will use all reasonable efforts to ensure that the funds transferred to it in accordance with the MoU are not used to provide support or assistance to individuals or entities associated with terrorism as designated by any UN Security Council sanctions regime. If, during the term of this Arrangement, a Participating UN Organization determines there are credible allegations that funds transferred to it in accordance with this Arrangement have been used to provide support or assistance to individuals or entities associated with terrorism as designated by any UN Security Council sanctions regime, it will as soon as it becomes aware of it inform the Steering Committee, the Administrative Agent and the Donor and, in consultation with the donors as appropriate, determine an appropriate response.

Section IV **Equipment and Supplies**

Ownership of equipment and supplies procured, and intellectual property rights associated with works produced, using funds transferred to the Participating UN Organization under the MoU, will be determined in accordance with the regulations, rules, policies and procedures applicable to such Participating UN Organization, including any agreement with the relevant Host Government, if applicable.

Section V **Reporting**

1. The Administrative Agent will provide the Donor and the Steering Committee with the following statements and reports, based on submissions provided to the Administrative

Agent by each Participating UN Organization prepared in accordance with the accounting and reporting procedures applicable to it, as set forth in the TOR:

- (a) Annual consolidated narrative progress reports, to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year;
- (b) Annual consolidated financial reports, as of 31 December with respect to the funds disbursed from the Fund Account, to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year;
- (c) Final consolidated narrative report, after the completion of the activities in the approved programmatic document, including the final year of the activities in the approved programmatic document, to be provided no later than six months (30 June) after the end of the calendar year in which the operational closure of the Fund occurs;
- (d) Final consolidated financial report, based on certified final financial statements and final financial reports received from Participating UN Organizations after the completion of the activities in the approved programmatic document, including the final year of the activities in the approved programmatic document, to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year in which the financial closing of the Fund occurs.

2. Annual and final reporting will be results-oriented and evidence based. Annual and final narrative reports will compare actual results with expected results at the output and outcome level, and explain the reasons for over or underachievement. The final narrative report will also contain an analysis of how the outputs and outcomes have contributed to the overall impact of the Fund. The financial reports will provide information on the use of financial resources against the outputs and outcomes in the agreed upon results framework.

3. The Administrative Agent will provide the Donor, Steering Committee and Participating UN Organizations with the following reports on its activities as Administrative Agent:

- (a) Certified annual financial statement (“Source and Use of Funds” as defined by UNDG guidelines) to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year; and
- (b) Certified final financial statement (“Source and Use of Funds”) to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year in which the financial closing of the Fund occurs.

4. Consolidated reports and related documents will be posted on the websites of the UN in [country] [website URL] and the Administrative Agent [website URL].

Section VI **Monitoring and Evaluation**

Monitoring

1. Monitoring of the Fund will be undertaken in accordance with the TOR. The Donor, the Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations will hold consultations at least annually, as appropriate, to review the status of the Fund. In addition, the Donor, the Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations will discuss any substantive revisions to the Fund, and promptly inform each other about any significant circumstances and major risks, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the successful achievement of the outcomes outlined in the TOR, financed in full or in part through the Contribution.

Evaluation

2. Evaluation of the Fund including, as necessary and appropriate, joint evaluation by the Participating UN Organizations, the Administrative Agent, the Donor, the Host Government (if applicable) and other partners will be undertaken in accordance with the TOR.
3. The Steering Committee and/or Participating UN Organizations will recommend a joint evaluation if there is a need for a broad assessment of results at the level of the Fund or at the level of an outcome within the Fund. The joint evaluation report will be posted on the website of the UN in [country] [website URL] and the Administrative Agent [website URL].
4. In addition, the Donor may, separately or jointly with other partners, take the initiative to evaluate or review its cooperation with the Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations under this Arrangement, with a view to determining whether results are being or have been achieved and whether contributions have been used for their intended purposes. The Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations will be informed about such initiatives, will be consulted on the scope and conduct of such evaluations or reviews and will be invited to join. Participating UN Organizations will upon request assist in providing relevant information within the limits of their regulations, rules, policies and procedures. All costs will be borne by the

respective Donor, unless otherwise agreed. It is understood by the Participants that such evaluation or review will not constitute a financial, compliance or other audit of the Fund including any programmes, projects or activities funded under this Arrangement.

Section VII Audit

External and Internal Audit

1._____The activities of the Administrative Agent and each Participating UN Organization in relation to the Fund will be exclusively audited by their respective internal and external auditors in accordance with their own financial regulations and rules. The corresponding external and internal audit reports will be disclosed publicly unless the relevant policies and procedures of the Administrative Agent or each Participating UN Organization provide otherwise

Joint Internal Audits

2._____The Internal Audit Services of the UN organizations involved in the Fund may consider conducting joint internal audits thereof in accordance with the Framework for Joint Internal Audits of UN Joint Activities, including its risk-based approach and provisions for disclosure of internal audit reports related to the Fund. In doing so, the Internal Audit Services of the Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations will consult with the Steering Committee

Cost of Internal Audits

3. The total costs of internal audit activities in relation to the Fund will be borne by the Fund.

Audits of Implementing Partners

4. The part of the Contribution transferred by a Participating UN Organization to its implementing partners for activities towards the implementation of the Fund will be audited as provided under that Participating UN Organization's financial regulations and rules, as well as its policies and procedures. The disclosure of the corresponding audit reports will be made according to the policies and procedures of that Participating UN Organization.

Section VIII **Fraud, Corruption and Unethical Behaviour**

1. The Participants are firmly committed to take all necessary precautions to avoid and address corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, unethical, or obstructive practices. The Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations recognize that it is important that all United Nations staff, individual contractors, implementing partners, vendors and any third parties which are involved either in joint activities or in those of the Administrative Agent or Participating UN Organization (such individuals and entities being hereinafter referred to, together as the "Individuals/Entities", and individually as the "Individual/Entity") must adhere to the highest standard of integrity as defined by each relevant UN organization. To this end, the Administrative Agent and each Participating UN Organization will maintain standards of conduct that govern the performance of the Individuals/Entities, to prohibit practices which are contrary to this highest standard in any activity related to the Fund/Programme. If an Individual/Entity is a UN organization, the Participating UN Organization engaging that Individual/Entity will rely upon that Individual's/Entity's standard of integrity. The Individuals/Entities must not engage in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, unethical, or obstructive practices, as defined below.

2. In this Arrangement,

(a) "Corrupt practice" means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another individual or entity;

(b) "Fraudulent practice" means any act or omission, including misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, an individual or an entity to obtain a financial or other benefit, or to avoid an obligation;

(c) “Collusive practice” means an arrangement between two or more individuals and/or entities designed to achieve an improper purpose, including influencing improperly the actions of another individual or entity;

(d) “Coercive practice” means impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any individual or entity or the property of the individual or entity to influence improperly the actions of an individual or entity;

(e) “Unethical practice” means the conduct of behavior that is contrary to staff or supplier codes of conduct such as those relating to conflict of interest, gifts and hospitality, and post-employment provisions; and

(f) “Obstructive practice” means acts or omissions intended to materially impede the exercise of contractual rights of audit, investigation and access to information, including destruction, falsification, alteration or concealment of evidence material to an investigation into allegations of fraud and corruption.

Investigations

3. (a) Investigations of allegations of wrongdoing by Individuals/Entities involved in the Fund which are contracted by the Administrative Agent or a Participating UN Organization will be carried out by the Investigation Service of the UN organization with which the potential subject of investigation is contracted (Administrative Agent or Participating UN Organization), in accordance with that UN organization’s internal policies and procedures.

(b)

(i) In the event that the Investigation Service of the Administrative Agent determines that an allegation in relation to the implementation of the activities for which the Administrative Agent is accountable is credible enough to warrant an investigation, the Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Steering Committee to the extent that such notification does not jeopardize the conduct of the investigation, including but not limited to the prospects of recovery of funds or the safety or security of persons or assets.

(ii) In the event that the Investigation Service of a Participating UN Organization determines that an allegation in relation to the implementation of the activities for which that Participating UN Organization is accountable is credible enough to warrant an investigation, it will promptly notify the Steering Committee and the Administrative Agent of the Fund, to the extent that such notification does not jeopardize the conduct of the investigation, including but not limited to the prospects of recovery of funds or the safety or security of persons or assets.

(iii) In the case of such notification, it is the responsibility of the Steering Committee and the Administrative Agent to communicate promptly with the relevant anti-fraud offices (or equivalent) of the Donor.

(iv) In case of a credible allegation, the relevant UN organization(s) will take timely and appropriate action in accordance with its regulations, rules, policies and procedures, which may include withholding further disbursements to the Individual(s)/Entity(ies) allegedly involved in the corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, unethical or obstructive practices as defined above.

(c)

(i) The UN organization's Investigation Service reviewing the credibility of an allegation or conducting the investigation will share information as appropriate with counterpart Investigation Services of the other UN organizations involved in the Fund (Administrative Agent or Participating UN Organization) to determine the best path towards resolution of the investigation and whether the alleged wrongdoing is limited to such UN organization or whether one or more other UN organizations involved in the Fund (Administrative Agent or one or more Participating UN Organizations) may also be affected. If the relevant Investigation Services determine that more than one UN organization could be affected by the alleged wrongdoing, they will follow the procedure described below in clause (ii).

(ii) Where a potential subject of an investigation is contracted by more than one UN organization involved in the Fund, the Investigation Services of the UN organizations concerned (Administrative Agent or Participating UN Organization) may consider conducting joint or coordinated investigations, determining which investigation framework to use.

(d) Upon completion of the internal reporting on their investigation by the Participating UN Organization(s) concerned as established in their respective internal policies and procedures, the Participating UN Organization(s) will provide information on the results of their investigation(s) to the Administrative Agent and the Steering Committee. In the case of the Administrative Agent, upon completion of its internal reporting, it will provide the information on the results of its investigation to the Steering Committee. Following such receipt of information on the results of the investigation(s), it is the responsibility of the Steering Committee and the Administrative Agent to communicate promptly with the relevant anti-fraud offices (or equivalent) of the Donor.

(e) Each UN organization(s) concerned (Administrative Agent or Participating UN Organization) will determine what disciplinary and/or administrative measures, including referral to national authorities, may be taken as a result of the investigation, according to its internal policies and procedures on disciplinary and/or administrative measures, including vendor sanction

mechanism, as appropriate. The Participating UN Organization(s) concerned will share information on measures taken as a result of the investigation(s) with the Administrative Agent and the Steering Committee of the Fund. The Administrative Agent will share information on measures taken as a result of its own investigation with the Steering Committee. Following such receipt of information on measures taken as a result of the investigation(s), it is the responsibility of the Steering Committee and the Administrative Agent to communicate promptly with the relevant anti-fraud offices (or equivalent) of the Donor.

Recovery of Funds

4. If there is evidence of improper use of funds as determined after an investigation, the UN organization(s) concerned (Administrative Agent or Participating UN Organization) will use their best efforts, consistent with their respective regulations, rules, policies and procedures to recover any funds misused. With respect to any funds recovered, the Participating UN Organization will consult with the Steering Committee, the Administrative Agent and the Donor. The Donor may request that such funds be returned to it in proportion to its Contribution to the Fund, in which case the Participating UN Organization would credit that portion of the funds so recovered to the Fund Account and the Administrative Agent would return that portion of such funds to the Donor in accordance with Section X, paragraph 6. For any such funds the Donor does not request to be returned to it, such funds will either be credited to the Fund Account or used by the Participating UN Organization for a purpose mutually agreed upon.

5. The Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations will apply the provisions of Section VIII, paragraphs 1 to 4 above in accordance with their respective accountability and oversight framework as well as relevant regulations, rules, policies and procedures.

Section IX **Communication and Transparency**

1. Subject to the regulations, rules, policies and procedures of the Participating UN Organization, information given to the press, to the beneficiaries of the Fund, all related publicity material, official notices, reports and publications, will highlight the results achieved and acknowledge the role of the Host Government, the Donor, the Participating UN Organizations, the Administrative Agent and any other relevant entities.

2. The Administrative Agent in consultation with the Participating UN Organizations will ensure that decisions regarding the review and approval of the Fund as well as periodic reports on the progress of implementation of the Fund are posted, where appropriate, for public information on the websites of the UN in [country] [website URL] and the Administrative Agent [website URL]. Such reports and documents may include

Steering Committee approved programmes and programmes awaiting approval, fund level annual financial and progress reports and external evaluations, as appropriate.

3. The Donor, the Administrative Agent and the Participating UN Organizations are committed to principles of transparency with regard to the implementation of the Fund, consistent with their respective regulations, rules, policies and procedures. The Donor, the Administrative Agent, Participating UN Organizations and the Host Government, if applicable, will endeavor to consult prior to publication or release of any information regarded as sensitive.

Section X **Expiration, Modification, Termination and Unspent Balances**

1. The Administrative Agent will notify the Donor when it has received notice from all Participating UN Organizations that the activities for which they are responsible under the approved programmatic document have been completed and the Fund is operationally closed.

2. This Arrangement may be modified only by written agreement between the Participants.

3. This Arrangement may be terminated by either Participant on thirty (30) days written notice to the other Participant, subject to the continuance in force of paragraph 4 below for the purpose therein stated.

4. Notwithstanding the termination of this Arrangement, the amount of the Contribution transferred to the Administrative Agent up to and including the date of termination of this Arrangement will continue to be used to support the Fund until completion of the Fund, at which point, any remaining balances will be dealt with according to paragraph 5 below.

5. Any balance remaining in the Fund Account upon completion of the Fund will be used for a purpose mutually agreed upon or returned to the Donor in proportion to its contribution to the Fund as decided upon by the Donor and the Steering Committee.

6. When returning funds to the Donor in accordance with paragraph 5 above or Section VIII, paragraph 4, the Administrative Agent will notify the Donor of the following: (a) the amount transferred, (b) the value date of the transfer, and (c) that the transfer is from [name of Administrative Agent] in respect of the Fund in [name of country] (if applicable) pursuant to this Arrangement. The Donor will promptly acknowledge receipt of funds in writing.

7. This Arrangement will expire upon the delivery to the Donor of the certified final financial statement pursuant to Section V, paragraph 3(b).

Section XI
Notices

1. Any action required or permitted to be taken under this Arrangement may be taken on behalf of the Donor, by _____ or his or her designated representative, and on behalf of the Administrative Agent, by _____ or his or her designated representative.

2. Any notice or request required or permitted to be given or made in this Arrangement will be in writing. Such notice or request will be deemed to be duly given or made when it will have been delivered by hand, mail, or any other agreed means of communication to the Participant to which it is required to be given or made, at such Participant's address specified below or at such other address as the Participant will have specified in writing to the Participant giving such notice or making such request.

For the Donor [all issues except those related to fraud and investigation]:

Name (optional): _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

Electronic mail: _____

For the Donor [all issues related to fraud and investigation]¹⁰:

Name (optional): _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

Electronic mail: _____

For the Administrative Agent:

Title: Executive Coordinator, MPTF Office, UNDP

Address: 304 East 45th Street, 11th Floor New York, NY 10017, USA

Telephone: +1 212 906 6880

Facsimile: +1 212 906 6990

Electronic mail: executivecoordinator.mptfo@undp.org

Section XII

¹⁰ DRAFTING NOTE: Retain second Donor notification only if applicable.

Entry into Effect

This Arrangement will come into effect upon signature thereof by the Participants and will continue in effect until it expires or is terminated.

[If the Donor is a Government, use the following:]

Section XIII
Settlement of Disputes

[Any dispute arising out of the Donor's Contribution to the Fund will be resolved amicably through dialogue among the Donor, the Administrative Agent and the concerned Participating UN Organization.]

[Section XIV
Privileges and Immunities]

[Nothing in this Standard Administrative Arrangement will be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, the Administrative Agent, or each Participating UN Organization.]

[If the Donor is not a Government, use the following:]

Section XIII
Settlement of disputes

[1. Amicable settlement. The Participants will use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or relating to this Standard Administrative Arrangement or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. Where the Participants wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation will take place in accordance with the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules then obtaining, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the Participants.]

[2. Arbitration. Any dispute, controversy or claim between the Participants arising out of this Standard Administrative Arrangement or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably under the preceding paragraph within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Participant of the other Participant's written request for such amicable settlement, will be referred by either Participant to arbitration before a single arbitrator in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The arbitral tribunal will have no authority to award punitive damages. The Participants will be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy, claim or dispute.]

[Section XIV
Privileges and Immunities]

[1. Nothing in this Standard Administrative Arrangement will be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by the respective Participants, have signed the present Arrangement in English in two copies.

For the Donor:

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Place: _____

Date: _____

For the Administrative Agent:

Signature: _____

Name: Jennifer Topping

Title: Executive Coordinator, MPTFO

Place: _____

Date: _____

ANNEX A: TOR

ANNEX B: Schedule of Payments

ANNEX C: Standard MOU between Participating UN Organisations and Administrative Agent

ANNEX B

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Schedule of Payments¹¹:

Amount:

[Time of first payment]

[amount in figures]

[Time of second payment]

[amount in figures]

[Time of third payment]

[amount in figures]

¹¹ Optional footnote: subject to Parliamentary appropriations

**STANDARD ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE
UN PEACEBUILDING FUND
USING PASS-THROUGH FUND MANAGEMENT**

**Standard Administrative Arrangement
between
[Name of Donor],
and
United Nations Development Programme**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the United Nations has requested the Secretary-General in its resolution 60/180 of 30 December 2005, to establish a multi-year standing Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) to support post-conflict peacebuilding activities, which has been endorsed by the General Assembly in resolution A/60/287 of 21 September 2006 on “The Peacebuilding Fund”;

WHEREAS, under the Terms of Reference (hereinafter referred to as the “TOR”) for the PBF (or “Fund”) contained in the Secretary-General’s report A/63/818 of 13 April 2009 on “Arrangements for the revision of the Peacebuilding Fund,” attached hereto as Annex A, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)’s Multi-Donor Trust Fund Office (MPTF Office), has been requested to continue to serve as the PBF Administrative Agent, responsible for the administration of the PBF, under the overall direction and guidance of the Head of the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO);

WHEREAS, the United Nations, represented by the Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO) and MPTF Office, have agreed on the terms and conditions under which the MPTF Office will serve as Administrative Agent of the PBF and disburse funds to Recipient Organizations who choose to participate in programmatic activities funded through the PBF, as set forth in UN-UNDP MOU for PBF, attached hereto as Annex C;

WHEREAS, the relevant agreements between the Administrative Agent and the Recipient Organizations; Recipient UN Organization Memorandum of Understanding attached hereto as Annex D, the Non-UN Organization Financing Agreement attached hereto as Annex E, the National Programme Government Memorandum of Agreement attached hereto as Annex F and/or Multilateral Development Bank Administration Agreement attached hereto as Annex G, have been signed;

WHEREAS, the Recipient Organisations have agreed to receive funds through the PBF and carry out programmatic activities in accordance with the TOR and the relevant agreements;

WHEREAS, the United Nations will also participate in the PBF as a Recipient Organization, under a separate agreement;

WHEREAS, the head of the Peacebuilding Support Office may request that funding from the Fund be made available to a Multi-Partner Trust Fund in a specific country (country level MPTF) administered by the Administrative Agent for projects/programmes implemented thereunder by the Recipient Organizations. Such funding shall be made

available, following approval of funding allocations from the Fund to the country level MPTF in accordance with the PBF TORs and with the framework of the country level MPTF;

WHEREAS, the United Nations has invited donors to contribute in support of peacebuilding activities through the channel of the PBF;

WHEREAS, the Administrative Agent has established a separate bank account under its financial regulations and rules for the receipt and administration of the funds received from donors who wish to provide financial support to the PBF; and

WHEREAS, [Name of Donor] (hereinafter referred to as the “Donor”) wishes to provide financial support to the PBF on the basis of the TOR and wishes to do so through the Administrative Agent.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Administrative Agent and the Donor (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Participants”) hereby agree as follows:

Section I
Disbursement of Funds to the Administrative Agent
and the Fund Account

1. [Subject to annual parliamentary appropriation¹²] the Donor makes a contribution of [up to]¹³[amount in words] ([amount in figures]) and such further amounts (hereinafter referred to as the “Contribution”) to support the Fund. The Contribution will enable the Recipient Organizations to support the Fund in accordance with the TOR, as may be amended from time to time. The Donor authorizes the Administrative Agent to use the Contribution for the purposes of the Fund and in accordance with this Standard Administrative Arrangement (hereinafter referred to as “Arrangement”). The Donor acknowledges that the Contribution will be co-mingled with other contributions to the Fund Account and that it will not be separately identified or administered.

2. The Donor will deposit the Contribution by wire transfer, in accordance with the schedule of payments set out in ANNEX B to this Arrangement, in convertible currencies of unrestricted use, to the following account:

For payment in USD:

Name of Account: Peacebuilding Fund
Account Number: 36349642
Name of Bank: Citibank, N.A.
Address of Bank: 111 Wall Street

¹² DRAFTING NOTE: Some donor governments require this language in the Arrangement. Therefore bracketed language should be deleted if not applicable.

¹³ DRAFTING NOTE: The bracketed language can be deleted if not applicable for the donor.

New York, New York 10043
SWIFT Code: CITIUS33
ABA: 021000089

3. When making a transfer to the Administrative Agent, the Donor will notify the Administrative Agent's Treasury Operations of the following: (a) the amount transferred, (b) the value date of the transfer; and (c) that the transfer is from **[name of Donor]** in respect of the Fund pursuant to this Arrangement. The Administrative Agent will promptly acknowledge receipt of funds in writing indicating the amount received in United States dollars and the date of receipt of the Contribution.
4. All financial accounts and statements related to the Contribution will be expressed in United States dollars.
5. The United States dollar value of a Contribution payment, if made in a currency other than United States dollars, will be determined by applying the United Nations operational rate of exchange in effect on the date of receipt of the Contribution. The Administrative Agent will not absorb gains or losses on currency exchanges. Such amounts will increase or decrease the funds available for disbursements to Recipient Organizations.
6. The Fund Account will be administered by the Administrative Agent in accordance with the regulations, rules, policies and procedures applicable to it, including those relating to interest.
7. The Administrative Agent will be entitled to allocate an administrative fee of one percent (1%) of the Contribution by the Donor, to cover the Administrative Agent's costs of performing the Administrative Agent's functions.
8. The head of PBSO may request any of the Recipient Organizations, to perform additional tasks in support of the Fund not related to the Administrative Agent functions detailed in Section I, paragraph 5 of the UN-UNDP MOU for the PBF and subject to the availability of funds. In this case, costs for such tasks will be decided in advance and with the approval of the head of PBSO be charged to the Fund as direct costs.
9. The Administrative Agent will be entitled to charge to the Fund Account a direct cost charge in an amount(s) consistent with then-current UNDG guidance to cover the cost of continuing to render Administrative Agent functions if and when the United Nations agrees to extend the Fund beyond the End Date with no further contribution(s) to the Fund.

Section II
Disbursement of Funds to the Recipient Organizations

and a Separate Ledger Account

1. The Administrative Agent will make disbursements from the Fund Account in accordance with decisions from the head of PBSO or relevant Country-Level Joint Steering Committee¹⁴, in line with the approved programmatic document. The disbursements to the Recipient Organizations will consist of direct and indirect costs as set out in the Programme budget.
2. Each Recipient Organization will establish a separate ledger account under its financial regulations and rules for the receipt and administration of the funds disbursed to it from the Fund Account. Each Recipient Organization assumes full programmatic and financial accountability for the funds disbursed to them by the Administrative Agent. That separate ledger account will be administered by each Recipient Organization in accordance with its own regulations, rules, policies and procedures, including those relating to interest.¹⁵
3. Where the balance in the Fund Account on the date of a scheduled disbursement is insufficient to make that disbursement, the Administrative Agent will consult with the head of PBSO and make a disbursement, if any, in accordance with the head of PBSO's decisions.
4. The Donor reserves the right to discontinue future deposits of its Contribution further to Annex B if there is: (i) failure to fulfil any obligations under this Arrangement; (ii) if there are substantial revisions of the TOR; or (iii) if there are credible allegations of improper use of the funds in accordance with Section VIII of this Arrangement; provided however that before doing so, the Administrative Agent, the head of PBSO and the Donor will consult with a view to promptly resolving the matter.

Section III **Activities of the Recipient Organization**

Implementation of the Fund

1. The implementation of the programmatic activities which the Donor assists in financing under this Arrangement will be the responsibility of the Recipient Organizations and will be carried out by each Recipient Organization in accordance with its own applicable regulations, rules, policies and procedures including those relating to procurement as well as the selection and assessment of implementing partners. Accordingly, personnel will be engaged and administered, equipment, supplies and

¹⁴ As described in the PBF TOR and subsequent PBF Guidelines, instructions from the head of PBSO are required under the Immediate Response Facility (IRF), while instructions from the Country-Level Joint Steering Committee is required under the Peacebuilding and Recovery Facility (PRF).

¹⁵ Where the Administrative Agent is also a Recipient Organization, it will need to open its own separate ledger account and transfer funds from the Fund Account to its separate ledger account.

services purchased, and contracts entered into in accordance with the provisions of such regulations, rules, policies and procedures. The Donor will not be responsible or liable for the activities of the Recipient Organizations or the Administrative Agent as a result of this Arrangement.

2. The Recipient Organizations will carry out the activities for which they are responsible in line with the budget contained in the approved programmatic document. Any modifications to the scope of the approved programmatic document, including as to its nature, content, sequencing or the duration thereof by the concerned Recipient Organization(s), will be subject to the approval of the head of PBSO or the relevant Country-Level Joint Steering Committee. The Recipient Organization will promptly notify the Administrative Agent through the head of PBSO or relevant Country-Level Joint Steering Committee of any change in the budget as set out in the approved programmatic document.

3. Indirect costs of the Recipient Organizations recovered through programme support costs will be seven percent (7%). All other costs incurred by each Recipient Organization in carrying out the activities for which it is responsible under the Fund will be recovered as direct costs.

4. The Recipient Organizations will commence and continue to conduct operations for the Fund activities only upon receipt of disbursements as instructed by the head of PBSO or relevant Country-Level Joint Steering Committee.

5. The Recipient Organizations will not make any commitments above the budgeted amounts in the approved programmatic document.

6. If unforeseen expenditures arise, the head of PBSO or relevant Country-Level Joint Steering Committee will submit, through the Administrative Agent, a supplementary budget to the Donor showing the further financing that will be necessary. If no such further financing is available, the activities to be carried out under the approved programmatic document may be reduced or, if necessary, terminated by the Recipient Organizations.

7. As an exceptional measure, particularly during the start-up phase of the Fund, subject to conformity with their financial regulations, rules and policies, Recipient Organizations may elect to start implementation of Fund activities in advance of receipt of initial or subsequent transfers from the Fund Account by using their own resources. Such advance activities will be undertaken in agreement with the head of PBSO or relevant Country-Level Joint Steering Committee on the basis of funds it has allocated or approved for implementation by the particular Recipient Organization following receipt by the Administrative Agent of signed Administrative Arrangements from donors contributing to the Fund. Recipient Organizations will be solely responsible for decisions to initiate such advance activities or other activities outside the parameters set forth above.

8. Each Recipient Organization will establish appropriate programmatic safeguard measures in the design and implementation of its Fund activities, thereby promoting the shared values, norms and standards of the United Nations system. These measures may include, as applicable, the respect of international conventions on the environment, on children's rights, and internationally agreed core labour standards.

Special Provisions regarding Financing of Terrorism

9. Consistent with UN Security Council Resolutions relating to terrorism, including UN Security Council Resolution 1373 (2001) and 1267 (1999) and related resolutions, the Participants are firmly committed to the international fight against terrorism, and in particular, against the financing of terrorism. Similarly, the Participants, the United Nations and the Recipient Organizations recognize their obligation to comply with any applicable sanctions imposed by the UN Security Council. Each of the Recipient Organizations will use all reasonable efforts to ensure that the funds transferred to it in accordance with the relevant agreement are not used to provide support or assistance to individuals or entities associated with terrorism as designated by any UN Security Council sanctions regime. If, during the term of this Arrangement, a Recipient Organization determines there are credible allegations that funds transferred to it in accordance with this Arrangement have been used to provide support or assistance to individuals or entities associated with terrorism as designated by any UN Security Council sanctions regime, it will as soon as it becomes aware of it inform the head of PBSO, the Administrative Agent and the Donor and, in consultation with the donors as appropriate, determine an appropriate response.

Section IV **Equipment and Supplies**

Ownership of equipment and supplies procured, and intellectual property rights associated with works produced, using funds transferred to the Recipient Organization under the relevant agreement, will be determined in accordance with the regulations, rules, policies and procedures applicable to such Recipient Organization, including any agreement with the relevant Host Government, if applicable.

Section V **Reporting**

1. The Administrative Agent will provide the Donor and the head of PBSO with the following statements and reports, based on submissions provided to the Administrative Agent by each Recipient Organization prepared in accordance with the accounting and reporting procedures applicable to it, as set forth in the TOR:

- (a) Annual consolidated financial reports, as of 31 December with respect to the funds disbursed from the Fund Account, to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year;

Final consolidated financial report, based on certified final financial statements and final financial reports received from Recipient Organizations after the completion of the activities in the approved programmatic document, including the final year of the activities in the approved programmatic document, to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year in which the financial closing of the Fund occurs.

2. The PBSO will provide the Donor with the following statements and reports, based on submissions provided to the PBSO by each Recipient Organization prepared in accordance with the reporting procedures applicable to it, as set forth in the TOR:

- (a) Annual consolidated narrative progress reports, to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year;
- (b) Final consolidated narrative report, after the completion of the activities in the approved programmatic document, including the final year of the activities in the approved programmatic document, to be provided no later than six months (30 June) after the end of the calendar year in which the operational closure of the Fund occurs;

3. Annual and final reporting will be results-oriented and evidence based. Annual and final narrative reports will compare actual results with expected results at the output and outcome level, and explain the reasons for over or underachievement. The final narrative report will also contain an analysis of how the outputs and outcomes have contributed to the overall impact of the Fund. The financial reports will provide information on the use of financial resources against the outputs and outcomes in the agreed upon results framework.

4. The Administrative Agent will provide the Donor and the head of PBSO with the following reports on its activities as Administrative Agent:

- (a) Certified annual financial statement (“Source and Use of Funds” as defined by UNDG guidelines) to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year; and
- (b) Certified final financial statement (“Source and Use of Funds”) to be provided no later than five months (31 May) after the end of the calendar year in which the financial closing of the Fund occurs.

5. Consolidated reports and related documents will be posted on the websites of the PBSO, unpbf.org, and the Administrative Agent, mptf.undp.org.

Section VI **Monitoring and Evaluation**

Monitoring

1. Monitoring of the Fund will be undertaken in accordance with the TOR. The Donor, the Administrative Agent and the head of PBSO will hold consultations at least annually, as appropriate, to review the status of the Fund. In addition, the Donor, the Administrative Agent and the head of PBSO will discuss any substantive revisions to the Fund, and promptly inform each other about any significant circumstances and major risks, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the successful achievement of the outcomes outlined in the TOR, financed in full or in part through the Contribution.

Evaluation

2. Evaluation of the Fund including, as necessary and appropriate, joint evaluation by the head of PBSO, the Administrative Agent and the Donor and other partners will be undertaken in accordance with the TOR.

3. The PBF Advisory Group¹⁶ or the head of PBSO and/or will recommend a joint evaluation if there is a need for a broad assessment of results at the level of the Fund or at the level of an outcome within the Fund. The joint evaluation report will be posted on the website of the PBSO, unpbf.org, and the Administrative Agent, mptf.undp.org.

4. In addition, the Donor may, separately or jointly with other partners, take the initiative to evaluate or review its cooperation with the Administrative Agent, the PBSO and the Recipient Organizations under this Arrangement, with a view to determining whether results are being or have been achieved and whether contributions have been used for their intended purposes. The head of PBSO, the Administrative Agent and the Recipient Organizations will be informed about such initiatives, will be consulted on the scope and conduct of such evaluations or reviews and will be invited to join. The Recipient Organizations, the head of PBSO and the Administrative Agent will upon request assist in providing relevant information within the limits of their regulations, rules, policies and procedures. All costs will be borne by the respective Donor, unless otherwise agreed. It is understood by the Participants, Recipient Organization and the head of PBSO that such evaluation or review will not constitute a financial, compliance or other audit of the Fund including any programmes, projects or activities funded under this Arrangement.

¹⁶ As further described in the PBF TOR

Section VII Audit

External and Internal Audit

1. ____ The activities of the Administrative Agent, each Recipient UN Organization and each Multi-lateral Development Bank, in relation to the Fund will be exclusively audited by their respective internal and external auditors in accordance with their own financial regulations and rules or equivalent. The corresponding external and internal audit reports will be disclosed publicly unless the relevant policies and procedures of the Administrative Agent or each Recipient Organization provide otherwise. The audits undertaken in Organizations other than those mentioned above, as well as in National Programme Governments, should follow internationally recognized audit standards and the reports thereof should be made available to the Administrative Agent

Joint Internal Audits

2. ____ The Internal Audit Services of the Recipient UN Organizations, the Administrative Agent and the United Nations involved in the Fund may consider conducting joint internal audits thereof in accordance with the Framework for Joint Internal Audits of UN Joint Activities, including its risk-based approach and provisions for disclosure of internal audit reports related to the Fund. In doing so, the Internal Audit Services of the Administrative Agent, the United Nations and the Recipient UN Organizations will consult with the head of PBSO.

Cost of Internal Audits

3. The total costs of internal audit activities in relation to the Fund will be borne by the Fund.

Audits of Implementing Partners

4. The part of the Contribution transferred by a Recipient Organization to its implementing partners for activities towards the implementation of the Fund will be audited as provided under that Recipient Organization's financial regulations and rules, as well as its policies and procedures. The disclosure of the corresponding audit reports will be made according to the policies and procedures of that Recipient Organization.

Section VIII

Fraud, Corruption and Unethical Behaviour

1. The Participants are firmly committed to take all necessary precautions to avoid and address corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, unethical, or obstructive practices.

The Administrative Agent and the Recipient Organizations recognize that it is important that all United Nations staff, individual contractors, implementing partners, vendors and any third parties which are involved either in joint activities or in those of the Administrative Agent or Recipient Organization (such individuals and entities being hereinafter referred to, together as the “Individuals/Entities”, and individually as the “Individual/Entity”) must adhere to the highest standard of integrity as defined by each relevant organization. To this end, the Administrative Agent and each Recipient Organization will maintain standards of conduct that govern the performance of the Individuals/Entities, to prohibit practices which are contrary to this highest standard in any activity related to the Fund/Programme. If an Individual/Entity is a UN organization, the Recipient Organization engaging that Individual/Entity will rely upon that Individual’s/Entity’s standard of integrity. The Individuals/Entities must not engage in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, unethical, or obstructive practices, as defined below.

2. In this Arrangement,

(a) “Corrupt practice” means the offering, giving, receiving, or soliciting, directly or indirectly, of anything of value to influence improperly the actions of another individual or entity;

(b) “Fraudulent practice” means any act or omission, including misrepresentation, that knowingly or recklessly misleads, or attempts to mislead, an individual or an entity to obtain a financial or other benefit, or to avoid an obligation;

(c) “Collusive practice” means an arrangement between two or more individuals and/or entities designed to achieve an improper purpose, including influencing improperly the actions of another individual or entity;

(d) “Coercive practice” means impairing or harming, or threatening to impair or harm, directly or indirectly, any individual or entity or the property of the individual or entity to influence improperly the actions of an individual or entity;

(e) “Unethical practice” means the conduct of behavior that is contrary to staff or supplier codes of conduct such as those relating to conflict of interest, gifts and hospitality, and post-employment provisions; and

(f) “Obstructive practice” means acts or omissions intended to materially impede the exercise of contractual rights of audit, investigation and access to information, including destruction, falsification, alteration or concealment of evidence material to an investigation into allegations of fraud and corruption.

Investigations

3. (a) Investigations of allegations of wrongdoing by Individuals/Entities involved in the Fund which are contracted by the Administrative Agent or a Recipient Organization will be carried out by the Investigation Service of the organization with which the potential subject of investigation is contracted (Administrative Agent or Recipient Organization), in accordance with that organization's internal policies and procedures.

(b)

(i) In the event that the Investigation Service of the Administrative Agent determines that an allegation in relation to the implementation of the activities for which the Administrative Agent is accountable is credible enough to warrant an investigation, the Administrative Agent will promptly notify the head of PBSO to the extent that such notification does not jeopardize the conduct of the investigation, including but not limited to the prospects of recovery of funds or the safety or security of persons or assets.

(ii) In the event that the Investigation Service of a Recipient Organization determines that an allegation in relation to the implementation of the activities for which that Recipient Organization is accountable is credible enough to warrant an investigation, it will promptly notify the head of PBSO and the Administrative Agent of the Fund, to the extent that such notification does not jeopardize the conduct of the investigation, including but not limited to the prospects of recovery of funds or the safety or security of persons or assets.

(iii) In the case of such notification, it is the responsibility of the head of PBSO and the Administrative Agent to communicate promptly with the relevant anti-fraud offices (or equivalent) of the Donor.

(iv) In case of a credible allegation, the relevant organization(s) will take timely and appropriate action in accordance with its regulations, rules, policies and procedures, which may include withholding further disbursements to the Individual(s)/Entity(ies) allegedly involved in the corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, coercive, unethical or obstructive practices as defined above.

(c)

(i) The Organization's Investigation Service reviewing the credibility of an allegation or conducting the investigation will share information as appropriate with counterpart Investigation Services of the other organizations involved in the Fund (Administrative Agent or Recipient Organization) to determine the best path towards resolution of the investigation and whether the alleged wrongdoing is limited to such organization or whether one or more other Organizations involved in the Fund (Administrative Agent or one or more Recipient Organizations) may also be affected. If the relevant Investigation

Services determine that more than one Organization could be affected by the alleged wrongdoing, they will follow the procedure described below in clause (ii).

(ii) Where a potential subject of an investigation is contracted by more than one organization involved in the Fund, the Investigation Services of the organizations concerned (Administrative Agent or Recipient Organization) may consider conducting joint or coordinated investigations, determining which investigation framework to use.

(d) Upon completion of the internal reporting on their investigation by the Organization(s) concerned as established in their respective internal policies and procedures, the Organization(s) will provide information on the results of their investigation(s) to the Administrative Agent and the head of PBSO. In the case of the Administrative Agent, upon completion of its internal reporting, it will provide the information on the results of its investigation to the head of PBSO. Following such receipt of information on the results of the investigation(s), it is the responsibility of the head of PBSO and the Administrative Agent to communicate promptly with the relevant anti-fraud offices (or equivalent) of the Donor.

(e) Each Organization(s) concerned (Administrative Agent or Recipient Organization) will determine what disciplinary and/or administrative measures, including referral to national authorities, may be taken as a result of the investigation, according to its internal policies and procedures on disciplinary and/or administrative measures, including vendor sanction mechanism, as appropriate. The Recipient Organization(s) concerned will share information on measures taken as a result of the investigation(s) with the Administrative Agent and the head of PBSO. The Administrative Agent will share information on measures taken as a result of its own investigation with the head of PBSO. Following such receipt of information on measures taken as a result of the investigation(s), it is the responsibility of the head of PBSO and the Administrative Agent to communicate promptly with the relevant anti-fraud offices (or equivalent) of the Donor.

Recovery of Funds

4. If there is evidence of improper use of funds as determined after an investigation, the organization(s) concerned (Administrative Agent or Recipient Organization) will use their best efforts, consistent with their respective regulations, rules, policies and procedures to recover any funds misused. With respect to any funds recovered, the Recipient Organization will consult with the head of PBSO, the Administrative Agent and the Donor. The Donor may request that such funds be returned to it in proportion to its Contribution to the Fund, in which case the Recipient Organization would credit that portion of the funds so recovered to the Fund Account and the Administrative Agent would return that portion of such funds to the Donor in accordance with Section X, paragraph 6. For any such funds the Donor does not request to be returned to it, such

funds will either be credited to the Fund Account or used by the Recipient Organization for a purpose mutually agreed upon.

5. The Administrative Agent and the Recipient Organizations will apply the provisions of Section VIII, paragraphs 1 to 4 above in accordance with their respective accountability and oversight framework as well as relevant regulations, rules, policies and procedures.

Section IX **Communication and Transparency**

1. Subject to the regulations, rules, policies and procedures of the Recipient Organization, Administrative Agent and the United Nations, information given to the press, to the beneficiaries of the Fund, all related publicity material, official notices, reports and publications, will highlight the results achieved and acknowledge the role of the Host Government, the Donor, the Recipient Organizations, the Administrative Agent, the United Nations and any other relevant entities.

2. The Administrative Agent in consultation with the head of PBSO and the Recipient Organizations will ensure that decisions regarding the review and approval of the Fund as well as periodic reports on the progress of implementation of the Fund are posted, where appropriate, for public information on the websites of the PBSO, unpbf.org, and the Administrative Agent, mptf.undp.org. Such reports and documents may include approved programmes and programmes awaiting approval, fund level annual financial and progress reports and external evaluations, as appropriate.

3. The Donor, the head of PBSO, the Administrative Agent and the Recipient Organizations are committed to principles of transparency with regard to the implementation of the Fund, consistent with their respective regulations, rules, policies and procedures. The Donor, the head of PBSO, the Administrative Agent, Recipient Organizations and the Host Government, if applicable, shall consult prior to publication or release of any information regarded as sensitive.

Section X **Expiration, Modification, Termination and Unspent Balances**

1. The Administrative Agent will notify the Donor when it has received notice from all Recipient Organizations that the activities for which they are responsible under the approved programmatic document have been completed and the Fund is operationally closed.

2. This Arrangement may be modified only by written agreement between the Participants.

3. This Arrangement may be terminated by either Participant on thirty (30) days written notice to the other Participant, subject to the continuance in force of paragraph 4 below for the purpose therein stated.
4. Notwithstanding the termination of this Arrangement, the amount of the Contribution transferred to the Administrative Agent up to and including the date of termination of this Arrangement will continue to be used to support the Fund until completion of the Fund, at which point, any remaining balances will be dealt with according to paragraph 5 below.
5. Any balance remaining in the Fund Account upon completion of the Fund will be used for a purpose mutually agreed upon or returned to the Donor in proportion to its contribution to the Fund as decided upon by the Donor and the head of PBSO.
6. When returning funds to the Donor in accordance with paragraph 5 above or Section VIII, paragraph 4, the Administrative Agent will notify the Donor of the following: (a) the amount transferred, (b) the value date of the transfer, and (c) that the transfer is from MPTFO in respect of the Fund pursuant to this Arrangement. The Donor will promptly acknowledge receipt of funds in writing.
7. This Arrangement will expire upon the delivery to the Donor of the certified final financial statement pursuant to Section V, paragraph 4(b).

Section XI
Notices

1. Any action required or permitted to be taken under this Arrangement may be taken on behalf of the Donor, by _____ or his or her designated representative, and on behalf of the Administrative Agent, by the Executive Coordinator or his or her designated representative.
2. Any notice or request required or permitted to be given or made in this Arrangement will be in writing. Such notice or request will be deemed to be duly given or made when it will have been delivered by hand, mail, or any other agreed means of communication to the Participant to which it is required to be given or made, at such Participant's address specified below or at such other address as the Participant will have specified in writing to the Participant giving such notice or making such request.

For the Donor [all issues except those related to fraud and investigation]:

Name (optional): _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____
Electronic mail: _____

For the Donor [all issues related to fraud and investigation]¹⁷:

Name (optional): _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____
Facsimile: _____
Electronic mail: _____

For the Administrative Agent:

Title: Executive Coordinator, MPTF Office, UNDP
Address: 304 East 45th Street, 11th Floor New York, NY 10017, USA
Telephone: +1 212 906 6880
Facsimile: +1 212 906 6990
Electronic mail: executivecoordinator.mptfo@undp.org

Section XII **Entry into Effect**

This Arrangement will come into effect upon signature thereof by the Participants and will continue in effect until it expires or is terminated.

[If the Donor is a Government, use the following:]

Section XIII **Settlement of Disputes**

[Any dispute arising out of the Donor's Contribution to the Fund will be resolved amicably through dialogue among the Donor, the head of PBSO, the Administrative Agent and the concerned Recipient Organization.]

[Section XIV **Privileges and Immunities]**

[Nothing in this Standard Administrative Arrangement will be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, the Administrative Agent, or each Recipient Organization.]

¹⁷ DRAFTING NOTE: Retain second Donor notification only if applicable.

[If the Donor is not a Government, use the following:]

Section XIII
Settlement of disputes

[1. Amicable settlement. The Participants will use their best efforts to settle amicably any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, or relating to this Standard Administrative Arrangement or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof. Where the Participants wish to seek such an amicable settlement through conciliation, the conciliation will take place in accordance with the UNCITRAL Conciliation Rules then obtaining, or according to such other procedure as may be agreed between the Participants.]

[2. Arbitration. Any dispute, controversy or claim between the Participants arising out of this Standard Administrative Arrangement or the breach, termination or invalidity thereof, unless settled amicably under the preceding paragraph within sixty (60) days after receipt by one Participant of the other Participant's written request for such amicable settlement, will be referred by either Participant to arbitration before a single arbitrator in accordance with the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules then obtaining. The arbitral tribunal will have no authority to award punitive damages. The Participants will be bound by any arbitration award rendered as a result of such arbitration as the final adjudication of any such controversy, claim or dispute.]

[Section XIV
Privileges and Immunities]

[1. Nothing in this Standard Administrative Arrangement will be deemed a waiver, express or implied, of any of the privileges and immunities of the United Nations, the Administrative Agent, or each Recipient Organization.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by the respective Participants, have signed the present Arrangement in English in two copies.

For the Donor:

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Place: _____

Date: _____

For the Administrative Agent:

Signature: _____

Name: Jennifer Topping

Title: Executive Coordinator, MPTFO

Place: _____

Date: _____

ANNEX A: TOR

ANNEX B: Schedule of Payments

ANNEX C: UN-UNDP MOU for PBF

ANNEX D: Standard Memorandum of Understanding between the Administrative Agent and the Recipient UN Organizations

ANNEX E: Non-UN Organization Financing Agreement

ANNEX F: National Programme Government Memorandum of Agreement

ANNEX G: Multi-lateral Development Bank Administration Agreement (WB template example)

ANNEX B

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Schedule of Payments¹⁸:

Amount:

[Time of first payment]

[amount in figures]

[Time of second payment]

[amount in figures]

[Time of third payment]

[amount in figures]

¹⁸ Optional footnote: subject to Parliamentary appropriations