2 May 2019

Excellency,

Building on the recommendation to continue strengthening synergies between the Peacebuilding Fund and the Peacebuilding Commission as contained in the report on the Peacebuilding Commission’s tenth session, I am pleased to provide the list of projects approved by the Peacebuilding Support Office during the first quarter of 2019.

In compliance with the PBF’s Terms of Reference and Guidelines, all submissions have been reviewed by the Peacebuilding Contact Group and recommended for approval by PBSO’s Project Appraisal Committee. Please note the amount indicated below is the total project budget approved. Typically, these amounts are disbursed in two or more tranches linked to performance conditions and contingent on availability of funds in the PBF. In addition, given some administrative conditions, some fund transfers remain pending.

In Madagascar, PBSO approved cost-extensions for the following projects: i) “Institutions Démocratiques Intègres, Représentatives et Credibles” ($600,000). The project aims to strengthen citizens’ confidence in public institutions through support for accountability and anti-money-laundering institutions. The implementing partners are UNDP and UNESCO; ii) “Appui au Secrétariat Technique du Fonds pour la Consolidation de la Paix à Madagascar” ($495,911). This project aims to support the PBF secretariat for efficient and strategic coordination of projects. The implementing partner is UNDP.

I would be grateful if you could share this information with the members of the Peacebuilding Commission.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

[Signature]
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