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**NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF HEADS OF DELEGATION IN
AFGHANISTAN, ALGERIA, ARMENIA, BANGLADESH, BENIN, BOLIVIA,
BURKINA FASO, BURMA/MYANMAR, BURUNDI, CAMBODIA, CHAD, EGYPT,
EL SALVADOR, GEORGIA, HONDURAS, IVORY COAST, JORDAN, KENYA,
LIBERIA, LIBYA, MALAWI, MAURITANIA, MAURITIUS, MOLDOVA,
MOROCCO, MOZAMBIQUE, NAMIBIA, NEPAL, NICARAGUA, NIGER,
PAKISTAN, PARAGUAY, PHILIPPINES, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, TANZANIA,
TIMOR LESTE, TOGO, TUNISIA, UGANDA, VIETNAM, WEST BANK AND GAZA
STRIP, YEMEN, ZAMBIA, ZIMBABWE**

Subject: Joint programming

Joint programming has been undertaken so far in Haiti and South Sudan and is now well underway in Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Laos, and Rwanda following the assessment of Heads of Missions earlier this year. In their meeting on 12 December, EU Directors General for Development debated and supported the extension of joint programming to additional countries (enclosed the note and table circulated for the meeting).

As regards the policy framework, the core elements of joint programming are set out in the EU Common Position for the Busan High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness (annex 2 on joint programming enclosed). Joint programming is also a key element of the Agenda for Change and it is also a major aspect, alongside synchronisation, in the programming instructions for EU country assistance sent to you earlier this year. For further reference, you will find attached recent letters from HR/VP Ashton, Commissioners Füle and Piebalgs.

We welcome the progress made on joint programming in several other partner countries. The attached table of potential additional countries builds mostly on information received from you and exchanges with Member States. Since joint programming has to be conducted in-country, we would appreciate a joint view from the EU Missions on the feasibility of joint programming.

On this basis, we kindly ask you to submit an EU Heads of Missions report to us before end of February 2013 as to whether to conduct joint programming in the short or medium term in your country.

There is no specific format for the report. Transmission might be done via a summary in COREU, but it is requested to share the full report through an open source in order to avoid subsequent problems with dissemination. We recommend that the report builds on the following elements:

- The report should be a maximum of 4 pages (plus annexes if needed) and include a clear view on whether to pursue (or not) joint programming in the short or medium term and the argumentation for your conclusion.
- The following elements could be considered: current level of cooperation or progress on joint programming among EU donors and other partners (e.g. existing coordination mechanisms and status of joint analysis and response, in-country division of labour and indicative allocations) and expected benefits, added value and challenges of joint programming.
- Please gather the views of the partner country government and seek their ownership, and inform, where possible at this stage, on the potential interest of non-EU donors.
- Where the conclusion is positive, you are requested to include a timetable, taking into consideration the synchronisation of donors' programming periods with the partner country cycle, and include information on participating EU Member States.

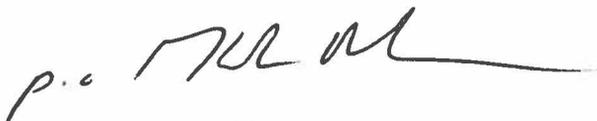
It is useful to emphasise in your contacts that joint programming is a tool for aid effectiveness and improved external action. We see it as a collaborative effort which complements existing coordination, reduces aid fragmentation and increases EU collective impact.

As regards Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Moldova and Tunisia, we appreciate the work undertaken by the Missions on the feasibility of joint programming earlier this year. Another feasibility assessment by the Heads of Mission in these countries is not needed at this stage but we ask you to follow and build on the earlier consultation, including the response note sent by EEAS and DEVCO, in due time according to the specific situation in your country. As regards Cambodia, no additional Heads of Mission report is requested following the one sent last September.

As has been done earlier, this note is shared with Member States, who are also briefing their embassies/field offices on the same subject so that all Missions have a clear common directive.

Assistance can be obtained from our services, DEVCO/A3 (Head of Unit Vincent Grimaud) and EEAS/VI.B.2 (Head of Division Félix Fernandez-Shaw). We also encourage you to contact the Delegations where joint programming is now being taken forward on their experience and lesson learned. Further information (including previous Heads of Missions reports) is available on the Capacity4Dev website: <http://capacity4dev.ec.europa.eu/joint-programming/>.

We look forward to your contribution.


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Annexes:

- 1. Note and overview table on synchronisation and joint programming potential circulated for the meeting of EU Directors General for Development**
- 2. Foreign Affairs Council conclusions of 14 November 2011 on joint programming**
- 3. Letter dated 13 January 2012 from the High Representative/Vice President, the Commissioner for Development and the Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy to Development Ministers of EU Member States**
- 4. Letter dated 5 December 2012 from the Commissioner for Development to Development Ministers of EU Member States**

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Heads of Cooperation Algeria, Armenia, Benin, Bolivia, Burkina Faso, Burma/Myanmar, Burundi, Cambodia, Chad, Egypt, El Salvador, Georgia, Honduras, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Liberia, Libya, Malawi, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Pakistan, Paraguay, Philippines, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Timor Leste, Togo, Uganda, Vietnam, Westbank Bank and Gaza Strip, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Heads of Delegation and Heads of Cooperation Ethiopia, Ghana, Guatemala, Laos, Mali, Rwanda, South Sudan, Ukraine

Cabinets Ashton, Füle and Piebalgs

Member States Directors General for Development, CODEV Delegates