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Summary

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, this note informs the Executive Board of the one-year extensions of the country programmes for Ghana, Malawi and Oman approved by the Executive Director.

Draft decision

The Executive Board

Takes note of the one-year extensions of the country programmes for Ghana, Malawi and Oman, which were approved by the Executive Director, as presented in the following table.

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Table
First one-year extensions of ongoing country programmes approved by the Executive Director

<i>UNICEF-assisted country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period</i>	<i>Year/period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Ghana	2012-2016	2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – To align the UNICEF country programme with the Ghana United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), which has been extended to 2017. – To align with the country’s National Medium Term Development Strategy (2014-2017). – To synchronize with the Government’s five-year planning and budgeting cycle.
Malawi	2012-2016	2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – To align the start of the next UNICEF country programme with the UNDAF, which has been extended until 2017. – To align the UNICEF country programme with the start of the next Malawi Growth and Development Strategy, which will be completed in late 2016. – To make sure that UNDAF priorities are developed only once Government priorities are known and agreed, and as such are aligned with national priorities outlined in the Malawi Growth and Development Strategy.
Oman	2012-2015	2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – To allow UNICEF to align with the priorities articulated in the Government of Oman Ninth National Development Plan (2016-2020), which may be delayed until early 2016. – Building on strategic shifts agreed during the July 2014 Mid-Term Review, additional time is needed to consolidate country programme strategies and demonstrate programme results as per the revised country programme results.