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### Extensions of ongoing country programmes

#### Note by the secretariat

#### *Summary*

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, this note informs the Executive Board of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Lesotho, Liberia and Nicaragua, approved by the Executive Director.

#### *Draft decision*

#### *The Executive Board*

*Takes note* of the one-year extensions of the country programmes for Lesotho, Liberia and Nicaragua, which were approved by the Executive Director and are presented in the table that follows.

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

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period</i>	<i>Year/period approved for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Lesotho	2013-2017	2018 <i>one-year extension</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– To align with the extension of the National Strategic Development Plan 2012/13-2016/17 until 2018.</li> <li>– To harmonize with the request from the United Nations country team to extend the Lesotho United Nations Development Assistance Plan 2013-2017 by one year, until 2018.</li> </ul>
Liberia	2013-2017	2018 <i>one-year extension</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– To align with the extension of the National Development and Poverty Strategy, <i>Agenda for Transformation 2012-2017</i>, which will be extended for one year.</li> <li>– To allow sufficient time for the implementation of activities that had been suspended during the outbreak of the Ebola virus under the current country programme document.</li> <li>– To allow for consultation with the incoming Government administration, which will take office in January 2018 following national elections scheduled for November 2017.</li> <li>– To align with the one-year extension of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework 2013-2017 and the One Programme that was approved by the Government and now covers the period 2013 to 2018.</li> </ul>
Nicaragua	2013-2017	2018 <i>one-year extension</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– To allow for a harmonized approach with other United Nations agencies to extend the country programme for one year.</li> <li>– To allow time for the completion of the programming process.</li> </ul>