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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 extension of the country programme for Algeria; and the first two-month extension of the country programme for Côte d'Ivoire, as approved by the Executive Director.

This note further presents the reasons for the proposed three-month extension of the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic, following two previous one-year extensions and one nine-month extension. The Executive Board is requested to approve this programme extension.

*Draft decision**The Executive Board*

1. *Takes note* of the first one-year extension of the country programme for Algeria; and the first two-month extension of the country programme for Côte d'Ivoire, both of which were approved by the Executive Director and are presented in table 1;

2. *Approves* the three-month extension of the country programme for the Syrian Arab Republic, following two previous one-year extensions and one nine-month extension, as presented in table 2.

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*Note:* The present document was processed in its entirety by UNICEF.



Table 1

**First extensions of one year (or less) 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>
Algeria	2016–2020	December 2021 (one-year extension)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A one-year extension will enable the UNICEF Algeria Country Office to align the current country programme with the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF), which was extended by the Government of Algeria for the period 2016 to 2021.</li> <li>– The country office’s existing programme focus remains unchanged and will maintain the same programme components as the original country programme document (CPD) for 2016–2020, with a specific emphasis on the most vulnerable children and adolescents.</li> </ul>
Côte d’Ivoire	2017–2020	January to February 2021 (two-month extension)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A two-month extension will enable the UNICEF Côte d’Ivoire Country Office to fully align the new CPD with the National Development Plan 2021–2025 and the UNSDCF priorities. The extension will also allow UNICEF Côte d’Ivoire to continue its cooperation with the Government based on the current CPD, covering the gap between its completion on 31 December 2020 and approval of the new country programme.</li> <li>– The scope, strategies, programmes, budget and staffing structure of the country programme will remain unchanged.</li> </ul>

Table 2

**Extensions of ongoing country programmes for which the approval of the Executive Board is requested**

<i>UNICEF-supported country programme</i>	<i>Original programme period, including previous extensions</i>	<i>Year/period proposed for extension</i>	<i>Reasons for the extension</i>
Syrian Arab Republic	March 2016–December 2017 (including two previous one-year extensions for 2018 and 2019; and one nine- month extension until September 2020).	December 2020 ( <i>three-month extension</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– A three-month extension will enable the country office to align the CPD with the extension of the present United Nations Strategic Framework (UNSF), which was approved by the Joint Steering Committee of the UNSF in November 2019 (co-chaired by the resident coordinator/humanitarian coordinator and the head of the Planning and International Cooperation Commission of the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic).</li> <li>– The country programme will continue to work in accordance with the results framework of the approved CPD and in line with the UNSF. Additionally, the country programme will continue to complement the work of the United Nations under the Humanitarian Response Plan for the Syrian Arab Republic.</li> </ul>