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**Subject: Contribution from the Government of Iceland towards the UNICEF/UNFPA
Joint Programme on the Abandonment of FGM/C in 2013**

On behalf of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, I am pleased to inform you that we have decided to provide 20.3 million ISK (approx. 168 thousand USD) towards the UNICEF/UNFPA joint programme on the abandonment of FGM/C.

The contribution is based on the SAA signed by Iceland and the JP in October 2011. Iceland notes that there is an ongoing discussion for the Second Phase of the FGM/C JP and allows the second phase to utilize the funds contributed by Iceland, should the Steering Committee endorse the relevant documents for the second phase.

The JP will administer the Contribution from the Government of Iceland and the activities financed thereof in accordance with its applicable Financial Regulations and Rules, programme guidelines, procedures and directives.

Progress and financial reports will be submitted to the Government of Iceland in accordance with the SAA.

Sincerely

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