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**Note by the Executive Director**

*Summary*

The present note contains information on the third one-year extension of the UNFPA country programme for Tunisia.

In accordance with established procedures, the Executive Director approves the first one-year extension of a country programme, while requests for a second or third one-year extension and requests for two-year extensions are submitted to the Executive Board for approval.

The Executive Board may wish to approve the exceptional third one-year country programme extension for Tunisia, as indicated in the attached table.



Table 1. Third one-year country programme extensions for which the approval of the Executive Board is sought

Country	Original programme period	Year proposed for extension	Explanation		
			United Nations harmonization	In-country political development	Implementation and/or other issues
Tunisia	2007-2011 2012 (first one-year extension) 2013 (second one-year extension)	2014 (third one-year extension)	UNDP, UNFPA and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) obtained two consecutive one-year extensions of their respective country programmes, through 2013. With the agreement of the national authorities, the United Nations country team delayed the development of the common country assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework until the new Government establishes a roadmap for national development. UNFPA, along with UNDP and UNICEF, is therefore seeking an exceptional third one-year extension of its country programme to enhance the alignment of its programme with the evolving priorities in Tunisia.	A constitution is being developed; no national development plan has yet been developed. The United Nations country team decided to extend the United Nations transition strategy through 2014. After the presidential elections scheduled for 2013, a new government is expected to be established, and a new strategic vision will emerge. This strategic vision will help to reposition the United Nations at the country level.	The one-year extension will seek to: (a) ensure continued access to reproductive health services; and (b) prepare the next country programme, based on emerging priorities. Activities will include: (a) striving to sustain the gains in sexual and reproductive health and rights, including women's rights; (b) strengthening the capacity of different national organizations in the area of sexual and reproductive health and rights; (c) supporting efforts for system reform to better position sexual and reproductive health and maternal health in the national development agenda; (d) generating knowledge; and (e) designing a new country programme document for 2015-2018.