

Thank you Mr. President.

Dear delegates,

as you will be aware, also at the 2MSP, The UNDP's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery (BCPR) was appointed to provide support on activities relating to the interim coordination of work under the CCM. Under this mandate and with the financial support from the Governments of Austria, Australia, Germany, Ireland, Norway and Switzerland, the Executive Coordination team was able to provide substantive support to the Lebanese Presidency and the Coordination committee, coordinate and undertake activities under the CCM, including documentation and outreach and to administer sponsorship. We would like to use this opportunity to express our gratitude to these supporting states and present a short update on the activities and the related costs involved since the 2MSP.

Expenditures since September last year amounted to 923,000 USD divided between (1) support to the CCM and its Presidency and (2) the sponsorship programmes.

Of this, 293,000 USD was allocated towards 2 Project staff, Ben and Estelle, working exclusively on the CCM; organisation and execution of the intersessional meeting including interpretation and additional staffing for the week, the Accra regional meeting and the 3MSP; resource mobilization and other activities in support of the CCM. It also includes 1/3 of the associated staff costs of 2 Programme Assistants, Simona and Marie-Ange who many of you have met here this week. Not included herein is the Team Leader's 25% staff time which was provided through an in kind contribution from UNDP.

BCPR worked in cooperation with the GICHD in providing conference support for the intersessionals meeting. Similarly, we have worked with Norway, UN ODA and Conference services from Vienna in the preparation for the 3MSP.

The sponsorship programme related to the 2012 intersessionals meeting was managed by the GICHD. It reports that "in total, 29 sponsorships were administered for the incurred costs of 102,975 Swiss francs." equivalent to approx. 110 000 USD.

With regards to the UNDP administered sponsorship programmes which include the Accra Regional Conference of May 2012 and the 3MSP, the total expenditures will fall at approximately 630,000 USD. The administered sponsorship of approximately 180,000 USD supported participation of 57 delegates at the regional conference in Accra. The 3MSP sponsorship programme, which does not close its books until next week, has enabled 118 delegates from 65 countries to attend this week for the anticipated costs of 450,000 USD.

These figures provide an average cost of some 3 500 USD per sponsored delegate and event, inclusive of economy class tickets, accommodation, per diem, terminal allowance and insurance.

Again, we would like to thank states who support the programme for enabling our support to delegates from low-income and affected states ensuring a broad and inclusive participation in these meetings.

Many thanks,