In accordance with Executive Board decision 2009/11, this note presents the reasons for the proposed two-year extensions of the country programmes for Afghanistan and the Comoros and the proposed one-year extension of the country programme for South Africa, following a previous 15-month extension. The Executive Board is requested to approve these programme extensions.

**Draft decision**

*The Executive Board*

1. Approves the two-year extensions of the country programmes for Afghanistan and the Comoros and the one-year extension of the country programme for South Africa, following a previous 15-month extension, as presented in the table that follows.
**Table**

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

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                                          |                                                        |                                  | – To enable UNICEF to align with the extension of the present United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), which has been approved by the regional United Nations Development Group (UNDG) team, until the end of 2021.  
                                          |                                                        |                                  | – Except for marginal alignment of results, strategies, enablers and resources to the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021, the priorities, assumptions and strategies that underpin the current country programme remain unchanged. |
| Comoros                           | 2015–2019                                               | 2021 (two-year extension)        | – To enable UNICEF to align with the extension of the present UNDAF that has been approved by the regional UNDG team, until the end of 2021.  
                                          |                                                        |                                  | – Except for marginal alignment of results, strategies, enablers and resources to the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021, the priorities, assumptions and strategies that underpin the current country programme remain unchanged. |
South Africa

2013–31 March 2019 (previously extended for 15 months, to 31 March 2019) 31 March 2020 (one-year extension)

– To enable UNICEF to align its support with the Government’s next Medium Term Strategic Framework, 2020–2025.


– Except for marginal alignment of results, strategies, enablers and resources to the UNICEF Strategic Plan, 2018–2021, the priorities, assumptions and strategies that underpin the current country programme remain unchanged.