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Re: MOPAN (Multilateral Performance Assessment Network) - Survey 2006

Dear Mr. Brun:

UNICEF wishes to express its appreciation for the MOPAN 2006 Survey covering ILO, the Asian Development Bank and UNICEF which took place in Burkina Faso, Colombia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kenya, Mozambique, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Uganda. We are grateful that MOPAN members came to UNICEF House on 6 November 2006 to present the findings of the 2006 Survey.

UNICEF accepts the views expressed in the report and is pleased to know that the 2006 Survey conveys an improved perception compared to the one reported in the Pilot Survey of 2003. We give high importance to the impressions that donor missions have of UNICEF. We recognize that UNICEF has an important role to play to ensure that they are properly and accurately informed about our programme of cooperation with the countries concerned.

The areas of improvement highlighted in the 2006 Survey will seriously be considered in the context of the ongoing organisational review for appropriate action. As proposed during the meeting, UNICEF, together with MOPAN, will be pleased to assess progress made on these areas during 2008.

In the spirit of collaborative exchange of views, UNICEF wishes to inform MOPAN that country offices have reported an asymmetric approach to the conduct of the survey by MOPAN representations in the field, as was the case for the Pilot 2003. This is the result of varying degrees of consultation and involvement of UNICEF country offices in the survey process. Another substantive point raised during our meeting is UNICEF's impression that the approach taken by MOPAN assumes a generic way of programming which does not necessarily reflect the country programme of cooperation approved by the Executive Board. Therefore, it could be beneficial if the survey included a part that assessed the extent to which MOPAN representations in the field know UNICEF's programme. Another way of addressing this would be to ask concerned international organisations being assessed to provide to MOPAN a profile of their respective official programme.

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Another suggestion that may warrant further discussion is the possibility that international organisations also complete a questionnaire on their perception of the role of donors at local level. This would enable all parties to have a constructive exchange in the spirit of enhancing aid effectiveness at country level.

UNICEF wishes to thank MOPAN for the privilege of having been surveyed and most of all for the opportunity of a frank exchange in the light of the need to improve aid effectiveness at local level according to the Paris Declaration.

Yours sincerely,



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