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## CAFI Executive Board Decision

Republic of Congo

Request of extension with additional budget of the “Support Programme for the coordination of the implementation of the Letter of Intent of the Republic of Congo and CAFI” implemented by UNDP

[\[Project ID:00129481\]](#)

Adopted by mail on 09.01.2026  
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**Considering:**

- [Decision EB.2019.16](#) adopted on September 3, 2019 on the Letter of Intent with the Republic of Congo and the country allocation ;
- [Decision EB.2019.22](#) adopted on October 16, 2019 on the need to establish the coordination mechanisms ;
- [Decision EB.2021.10](#) adopted on June 25, 2025 approving the “Support programme for the coordination of the implementation of the Letter of Intent of the Republic of Congo and CAFI” (referred here as “Programme”) for an amount of USD 1,455,890.30 and its originally approved timeline until November 28, 2023 ;
- [Decision EB.2023.30](#) adopted on November 6, 2023 approving a no cost extension of the Programme until December 31, 2024 ;
- [Decision EB.2025.03](#) adopted on January 20, 2025 approving a no cost extension of the Programme until March 31, 2025 ;
- The letters from two NGOs involved in the implementation of this Programme, i.e. European Forest Institute (EFI) and *Cercle d’Appui à la gestion Durable des Forêts (CAGDF)*, received in September and October 2025 by the Executive Board and the Administrative Agent, requesting their support for the payment of the balance of their funding committed to this Programme and claimed from UNDP since the end of 2024 without response ;
- The request of UNDP on October 20, 2025 for additional funds, amounting to almost USD 233,000, to enable it to settle these payments and administratively close the Programme ;
- The [MPTFO gateway](#) presenting financial consumption of USD 1,215,525 out of the total Programme budget (representing 83,49%);

- The overall completion (est.) of 60/70% on report against the revised framework, but lower if weighting only fully operational/traceable governance outputs compare to the presented financial consumption of USD 1,259,433.48, indicated as 92% of the total budget in page 5 of the narrative report and 87% in the financial report, both submitted in July 2025;
- Provision (Section II Chapter 7) from the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between UNDP and MPTFO on supplementary funding requests to projects, under the approval authority of the Executive Board.

**The Executive Board:**

1. Thanks UNDP (referred here as “implementing organisation”) for providing documents according to its financial obligations related to the closure of the Programme.
2. Asks the CAFI Secretariat to follow up with the UNDP on the clarification of financial inconsistencies found in the narrative and financial reports submitted by the UNDP.
3. Requests the implementing organisation to prepare and submit the final narrative and financial reports, as outlined in the MoU signed between UNDP and MPTFO (Section V Chapter 1) on the requirement for the implementing organisation to prepare and submit the final narrative and financial reports, revising its previous financial declarations, which contain inconsistencies, in order to reconcile them in (i) final narrative report, (ii) final financial report and (iii) on the MPTFO Gateway.
4. Rejects the extension of the Programme with an additional budget of USD 233,000.