IASC PRINCIPALS AD HOC MEETING

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC / SOUTH SUDAN/Syria

5 March 2014

**Draft Action Points**

**Central African Republic:** *The IASC Principals*

1. *Agreed to extend the L3 system-wide response for six months.*
2. *Agreed to identify internal and external resources available to IASC organizations that could be deployed to address the most pressing humanitarian challenges facing CAR.* ***Action by:*** *EDG in close consultation with their Principals by cob 11 March 2014.*
3. *Decided to explore the option of appointing a high-profile champion for CAR in order to raise greater awareness of the crisis and to mobilize resources for humanitarian action.* ***Action by:*** *ERC and UNICEF by 15 March 2014.*
4. *Welcomed UNHCR’s proposal to develop a regional refugee response plan and to appoint a Regional Refugee Coordinator in light of the challenges posed by the large numbers of Central African refugees who have fled to Cameroon, Chad, the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Congo.* ***Action by:*** *UNHCR by end of March.*
5. *Requested the EDG to make proposals to improve accommodation and facilities for staff in CAR.* ***Action by****: EDG by 15 March 2014.*
6. *Agreed to focus efforts and resources on key priority areas: 1) protection and in particular implementing the strategy to protect communities who are at high risk of being attacked; 2) prepositioning of key supplies, in particular food and seeds, in light of the rainy season. The IASC welcomed the draft protection strategy proposed by the protection cluster and asked the protection cluster to ensure that the strategy is owned by the Humanitarian Country Team.* ***Action by:***  *HC by 18 March.*
7. *Reminded the IASC to nominate candidates for the DSRSG/RC/HC position.* ***Action by:*** *IASC Principals by 12 March 2014.*
8. *Recommended that the CAR protection strategy be shared with the HC in South Sudan.* ***Action by:*** *the IASC Secretariat by 8 March 2014.*

**South Sudan:** *The IASC Principals*

1. *Endorsed the three priorities outlined by the HC: 1) save lives, 2) prevent catastrophic decline in food insecurity, and 3) preposition supplies before the rainy season.* ***Action by:*** *The HCT by June 2014.*
2. *Agreed to deploy additional programme managers to bolster four priority clusters (WASH, Health, Food Security and Livelihoods, shelter/NFIs) in Unity, Upper Nile, and Jonglei.* ***Action by:*** *EDG by cob Monday.*
3. *Agreed to support fundraising efforts of the HC and endorsed the common messages proposed by the HCT – without using the word “famine”.* ***Action by:*** *all IASC organizations.*

**Update on Syria**

The ERC briefed on the plan for cross-line and cross-border access which is being negotiated with the Syrian authorities. The Secretary-General’s report to the Security Council is due on 24 March. The ERC will brief the Security Council on 28 March.

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