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Brief on Montreux VI: Donors' Retreat on the CAP and Coordination**

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The sixth Montreux Donors' Retreat on the CAP and Coordination took place 24-25 February 2005. While the official record, i.e. 'Common Observations', of this donor retreat will be issued by the organisers (Canada, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland) in the coming weeks, one can expect the focus to be along the following lines.

- Donors expressed their continued commitment to partake in key aspects of the CAP's programme cycle, e.g. context analysis, needs assessment, prioritization.
- Donors support and wish to see advances in needs analysis framework (NAF) now to be implemented in Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, DRC, oPt, and Uganda.
- Donors welcomed progress on project selection and prioritization and thanked the IASC for developing clear guidance on this issue in 2004.
- Donors are keen to see more systematic inclusion of the key NGOs in CAP. To this end, donors will further their own discussions with NGOs, for example by calling on NGOs to partake in CAP strategy setting and at the very least ensure that NGO projects support the aims of the CHAP.
- Donors, especially those who participated in the Financial Tracking Service clinics provided during the retreat, welcomed improvements in FTS and in the analysis of financial trends.
- Donors again committed to the Good Humanitarian Donorship CAP pilots in Burundi and DRC, and recognised their need for clearer goals, indicators, and monitoring. Donors welcomed significant improvements in CAP and CHAP in Burundi and DRC. Some donors wish to extend GHD to other contexts.
- Donors are keen to improve the link between capitals and field, e.g. to see discussions in Geneva or in this case Montreux translated into action by donor representatives in the field.
- Donors wish to see more systematic use of IASC Country Team concept at field level.

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- Donors are committed to better coordinate amongst themselves at field level and at HQ. They welcomed the "Programme Kick-off" and wish to see it further developed. In particular donors think that Humanitarian Coordinators should hold "Kick-off" meetings in situ as a follow-up to the launches of their respective Consolidated Appeals.
- Donors are interested in pooled funding, e.g. the provision of funds directly to Humanitarian Coordinators, and will continue to explore various options including at a DfID-sponsored meeting in March.

While the purpose of this brief is to provide an update, and not call for action points *per se*, IASC WG members might wish to consider the following:

Proposed Actions by the IASC WG members:

- Consider inviting key donors to the next IASC Working Group meeting to be better informed about donor discussions regarding pooled funding
- Re-affirm the IASC Working Group's policy to promote IASC Country Teams

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