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**IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE YELLOW SEA LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM:
RESTORING ECOSYSTEM GOODS AND SERVICES AND CONSOLIDATION OF A LONG-TERM REGIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK
(UNDP/GEF YSLME Phase II Project)**

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**4th Meeting of the Interim Commission Council (ICC-4)
of the UNDP/GEF YSLME Phase II Project**

*Jeju, RO Korea
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Execution of the Extension Plan

1. This report was prepared by the Secretariat.

Introduction

2. In the 1st *ad hoc* meeting held on July 15-16 2019 in Qingdao, PR China, RO Korea, UNDP and UNOPS agreed to extend the project up to December 31, 2020 while the implementation of the project activities under contracts will end by June 30, 2020.
3. In accordance to the decision made at the 1st *ad hoc* ICC, the Secretariat prepared extension plan under the guidance of UNOPS and in full consultation with UNDP, PR China and UNOPS, for approval by the partners. Based on this plan, the project seeks to deliver a total of \$1,663,729 in the 4th quarter of 2019 and \$1,391,415 in 2020, prioritizing activities that will lead to the achievement of the end of project targets. The extension plan targets approved by UNDP and UNOPS by November 25, 2019. The extension plan (UNDP/GEF YSLME Phase II Project workplan for 4th quarter of 2019 and 2020) is attached with as Annex I.
4. To fully implement the extension plan and achieve the end of project targets of the 16 outcomes, the Secretariat also prepared a detailed monthly workplan from October 2019 up until June 2020 with indication of activities, responsible parties and timeframe. The workplan

to execute the extension plan is attached as Annex II along with the monitoring and evaluation framework.

Recommendation

5. The Secretariat recommends that:
 - a. the 4th Meeting of the ICC:
 - i. Review and finetune the extension plan as needed to maximize the value of programmed resources in achieving the end of project targets;
 - ii. Request the Secretariat to implement the extension plan taking into comments from the meeting of the ICC-4 and closely monitor the delivery of outputs by PCA partners, subcontractors, grantees and consultants in collaboration with the NWGs and RWGs;
 - iii. Request UNDP and UNOPS to initiate the terminal evaluation and audit in accordance with the timeframe specified in the workplan;
 - iv. Urge PR China and RO Korea to fully avail of available resources and effectively coordinate in implementation of the activities to achieve the end of project targets;
 - v. Request the Secretariat to report progress with implementation of the activities on a bi-monthly basis to partners.