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Re: **Discontinuation of UNHCR funding for *Wind of Renewal*, starting 01 March 2018**

Dear Mr. Chrysogelos,

Reference is made to the funding received by *Wind of Renewal*, through the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) concluded between UNHCR Greece and Athens Development and Destination Management Agency (ADDMA), for the implementation of the WELCOMMON project, which provides accommodation and assistance to asylum seekers and refugees.

UNHCR and its Partner ADDMA have reviewed the accommodation and services project for 2018 and have agreed to adjust the implementation modality by focusing on small structures/apartments, which facilitates independent living of persons of concern to UNHCR, rather than larger and catered facilities. This is also in line with the Government approach and with the spirit of the *ESTIA program* funded by the European Union. We would expect that in the course of 2018, a number of other buildings that are currently part of the *ESTIA* accommodation scheme will also be replaced by rented apartments. As such, UNHCR funding for WELCOMMON project implemented by *Wind of Renewal* will be discontinued starting 01 March 2018.

In order to ensure continuity of accommodation and services, ADDMA on behalf of UNHCR, will gradually transfer the current residents of WELCOMMON building into apartments, in the course of February 2018. We would be grateful for your cooperation with ADDMA, to facilitate a smooth transition of all the residents from the catered facility of WELCOMMON into apartments, by 28 February 2018.

I take this opportunity to thank you and your team for the good work conducted at WELCOMMON since the project started being implemented with UNHCR funding, in 2016. With your permission, we will keep *Wind of Renewal* in our database of potential contractors for UNHCR implementing partners, should there be opportunities of such cooperation in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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CC: Mr. Alex Galinos, Managing Director, ADDMA