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The Director-General

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NOTE TO ALL ECHO PARTNERS

Subject: Guidance to partners funded by ECHO to deliver cash transfers

Dear ECHO Partners,

I am pleased to send you a guidance note on the delivery of cash transfers. This complements ECHO's policy position and guidance on the use of cash transfers and is intended to provide clarity to you on the selection criteria that ECHO will apply when selecting partners to deliver cash transfers.

The guidance applies principally in cases where ECHO is providing medium or large scale funding to deliver cash transfers in a given country or for a given crisis and where cash transfers make up a significant part of the overall response. The guidance will be applied progressively in the framework of 2017 HIPs and ESOP.

This approach is consistent with the conclusions of the recent evaluation of the use of different transfer modalities in the EC humanitarian aid action 2011-2014, the thematic policy document on cash and vouchers and 2015 Council Conclusions on multi-purpose cash. It is also fully in line with our Grand Bargain commitments to scale up the use of cash with a view to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of operations and providing a better response to those in need.

ECHO will hold an information session on the guidance on Monday, 6 February, to which you are encouraged to send a representative. A separate invitation will be issued for this session.

I look forward to continuing our excellent collaboration in the course of 2017.

Monique PARIAT

Enclosures: Guidance to partners funded by ECHO to deliver medium to large-scale cash transfers in the framework of 2017 HIPs and ESOP