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ACTION MEMO FOR LESLEY ZIMAN, MANAGING DIRECTOR

FROM: CT – Tina Kaidanow

SUBJECT: (U) Release and Notification of \$7,600,000 in FY 2015 Economic Support Fund (ESF) Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) Funds for the Counterterrorism Partnership Fund (CTPF) Pilot Program

Recommendation:

(U) That you approve the release and notification of \$7,600,000 in ESF-OCO set aside to support the CTPF pilot program for agreed activities for countering Boko Haram and violent extremism in the Lake Chad Basin region.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Background

(SBU) The Department identified \$50,000,000 in FY 2015 funding for piloting the process for the Counterterrorism Partnership Fund (CTPF). Specifically, the funding for piloting the CTPF process includes \$17,356,000 in previously unallocated ESF-OCO set aside for Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights (J), \$14,000,000 in ESF-OCO allocated to the Bureau of Counterterrorism (CT), \$6,000,000 in NADR-ATA-OCO allocated to CT, \$6,000,000 in PKO-OCO allocated to the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs (as part of the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership (TSCTP)), and \$6,644,000 in ESF-OCO allocated to the Bureau of Near-Eastern Affairs (NEA) for TSCTP. **The funds requested in this memo would draw from the \$14,000,000 ESF-OCO allocated to CT, leaving a remainder of \$1,544,000.**

(SBU) In consultation with the National Security Council (NSC) staff, the Department agreed to focus the CTPF pilot process on three areas: (1) addressing and mitigating the threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters (FTF); (2) countering Boko Haram and violent extremism in the Lake Chad Basin; and (3) countering al-Shabaab and violent extremism in East Africa. The Bureau of Counterterrorism

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(CT) and J have overseen a process with a wide range of Department and USAID stakeholders to develop partnership concept papers to guide CTPF pilot efforts for each of these three focus areas. **The NSC has cleared these papers and instructed us to proceed with implementation.**

(U) **The approved partnership concept paper for the Lake Chad Basin focus area is attached (Tab 1) as well as descriptions of the planned activities for the associated ESF funds (Tab 2) and the draft Congressional Notification (Tab 3).** With your approval, we will transmit the Congressional Notification. We have also developed a framework document for monitoring and assessing progress across all of these projects toward our partnership concept strategic objectives (Tab 4).

Attachments:

- Tab 1 –Approved CTPF Pilot Partnership Concept for Lake Chad Basin
- Tab 2 –Planned ESF Activities for Lake Chad Basin
- Tab 3 – Congressional Notification for Lake Chad Basin
- Tab 4 – Framework for Monitoring and Assessing Progress

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