



31 October 2022

Dear Members of the Board,

On 17 December 2021, I provided you with the last in a series of updates on individual management accountabilities in relation to the GEF-funded 'S&L' project in Russia which closed in 2017. In my briefing, I explained that following the completion of a number of further assessments and investigation processes, I had agreed with two of the staff members involved in the project, that in the interest of the organization they would move from their current management positions. This was done.

At that time, there was one ongoing investigation by the Office of Audit and Investigation. That investigation has concluded, and appropriate action has been taken with respect to the relevant staff member.

With these additional assessments and measures, we have now completed the process of establishing individual management accountabilities for those UNDP members of staff that remained under our jurisdiction. I remain confident that we have done everything we could within our management responsibilities, rules, and regulations, to establish individual accountabilities and to determine appropriate measures in response – despite dealing with a project that has been closed for nearly five years.

Finally, let me reiterate that UNDP remains committed to continuously improving the level of risk management and quality oversight expected by our partners to generate the impact and results to support the countries and people who rely on UNDP as a longstanding and trusted partner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Achim Steiner', is positioned above the printed name.

Achim Steiner

Members of the Executive Board