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NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU) BETWEEN DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND BELGIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION (BTC) IN RESPECT OF THE TEACHERS CENSUS AND SCHOOL MAPPING PROJECT in the DRC

- I refer to the Memorandum of Understanding relating to the £10,209,832 project signed between DFID and the BTC on 24th August 2010.
- 2. The purpose of this letter is to officially inform the BTC of DFID's intention to terminate the above MoU.
- 3. There have been regular and frequent discussions and exchanges of e-mails with the BTC about the slow progress of the project and how the problems might be resolved.
- 4. The most recent meetings have included a tripartite meeting with BTC, DFID and Government of DRC on 9th August, and the BTC-DFID meeting on 10th August. These were followed by the note of options presented by BTC to DFID on 11th August. Subsequent discussions in DFID-DRC have confirmed our view that it would not be an effective use of UK Government funds to continue with the project. I therefore reject the proposal for a time and cost extension.
- 6. This letter therefore serves as written notice of DFID's termination of its obligations under the MoU. Paragraph 26 of the MoU also states that in the event of the MoU being terminated, all remaining funds other than those irrevocably committed in good faith before the date of termination and those approved between the two participants as being required to finalise activities will be returned to DFID using Annex 3 which details the bank account to be used.





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7. We also request that BTC submit to DFID a handover report, setting out the status of all activities and expenditure incurred, and an up-to-date asset register. DFID-DRC will arrange meetings with your team to discuss requirements and agree on the process of closure.

Yours sincerely

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