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Dear Mr. Holmes,

I would like to inform you that following two recent workshops on the cluster approach and extensive consultations amongst humanitarian partners (UN agencies, Donors, International NGOs and Government), I would like to formally introduce the cluster approach in Chad as soon as possible, in order to strengthen the overall humanitarian and development response. I believe this will help to improve accountability; facilitate stronger partnerships amongst national and international humanitarian actors in Chad; enable humanitarian actors to work in a more structured and effective way with relevant government counterparts; improve the interface between humanitarian and longer term development activities; and ensure more attention to early recovery and priority cross-cutting issues such as age, diversity, environment, gender, HIV/AIDS and human rights.

As part of the process of introducing the cluster approach, we plan to revitalize the IASC Country Team. This will be the main body for policy discussions and decision-making on humanitarian issues and it will include participation of UN agencies, three NGO representatives, IOM, ICRC (as a standing invitee) and other stakeholders as appropriate.

As agreed within the existing IASC Country Team, I would like to propose the following coordination structure for humanitarian activities in Chad:

Sector	Cluster Lead for UN and Int. Orgs. (<i>Chef de file sectoriel</i>)	Government Lead
Protection	UNHCR	Ministère de l'Administration du Territoire appuyé par les Ministères de la Justice et de la Défense
Food Security	WFP/FAO	Ministère de l'Agriculture
Education	UNICEF	Ministère de l'Education
Water/Sanitation	UNICEF	Ministère de l'Environnement, Direction Hydraulique et assainissement
Health	WHO	Ministère de la Santé Publique
Nutrition	UNICEF	Ministère de la Santé, Ministère de l'Agriculture
Emergency Shelter/NFIs	UNHCR	Ministère de l'Action Sociale
Site management	UNHCR	Ministère de l'Administration du Territoire
Early recovery	UNDP	Ministère du Plan
Logistics and telecommunication	WFP	Ministère du Plan, Ministère des Infrastructures
Environment	FAO	Ministère de l'Environnement

I would be grateful if you could consult the Inter-Agency Standing Committee at the global level and confirm that there are no serious objections to these arrangements, so that we can proceed as soon as possible with implementation of the cluster approach.

Yours sincerely,
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